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Outcry over contentious price hike prompts calls for rethink

A DECISION by Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet to increase the cost of using outdoor sports facilities by up to five times has been called in by opposition group leaders.

Cabinet members voted through the hike last Tuesday, saying the local authority could no longer afford to subsidise facilities.

The move has provoked an outcry across the county with people worried players will be priced out from taking part in matches, clubs will not be able to afford to carry on, and facilities will be lost.

Under the plans, clubs that currently pay around £55 every time they play rugby or football and use a sports pavilion could be charged up to £305 from September 2020.

Plaid council group leader Tim Thomas has called the decision in, saying he is concerned about the impact it will have on local sports clubs.

The Conservative group leader Tom Giffard has also supported the call-in with fellow Conservative councillor Aniel Pucella, the Independent Alliance deputy group leader Cheryl Green (Lib Dem), Llynfi Independents Ross Thomas and Keith Edwards and Plaid councillor, James Radcliffe.

An overview and scrutiny committee meeting is expected to take place on Monday, November 4 at 10am, when councillors will consider the decision taken by cabinet including the reasons for it and whether it is in line with corporate priorities and policies.

A decision which is 'called in' means the issue will be subject to further scrutiny by councillors.

Councillors cannot reverse the decision, only raise concerns or ask cabinet to reconsider it.

At a cabinet meeting on October 22, the council's head of operations for community services, Zak Shell, said the existing "heavily subsidised" approach was acting as a disincentive to clubs taking on community asset transfers.

He said that the charges needed to be increased to drive forward asset transfers, adding that if the council did not enable groups to take on the facilities, then it would not be protecting them for future generations.

Council leader Huw David said the local authority had been talking to sports clubs about the need to take on facilities through asset transfers since 2015.

In voting through the measures last week, cabinet members approved plans for a fund to be set up to help both children and adults from disadvantaged backgrounds to continue to play sport.

Liz Bradfield, LDRS.

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Brave Jade is getting back on her feet after decade in wheelchair

THE evenings are closing in and autumn is with us.

However, there is always a bright light for us to focus on.

In our case, it is the never ending optimism of Jade Owen.

For those of you who have not been following Jade's story over the years in The GEM, Jade has been to the USA twice for operations which will enable her to walk after a period of over 10 years in a wheel chair.

Jade can now take some steps without assistance: she has the strength to stand and walk but is still trying to master the art of balance. For this she goes on endless walks with her walking frame in order to build up all the right muscles.

In addition, to this she has gruelling physiotherapy weekly, to set the exercise routine for the coming week. Jade enlists the help of anyone she can find to help her with her efforts.

As you can see from the picture, Jade is doing everything she can to help her walk properly and take part in fundraising events.

At the end of November an event is being held to raise funds to help pay for all the physiotherapy and equipment which Jade still needs for the next step to a normal life. This is going to be a Christmas party from 7.30pm on November 29 in the Barry Rugby Club.

There will be a raffle and prizes for best dancer and the worst Christmas sweater and all the profit will go straight into Jade's fighting fund.

It will be an opportunity to witness Jade do her first Christmas dance since she has been back on her feet, after years of having to watch from the side lines.

Fundraising continues to enable Jade to have her physiotherapy and cover the other expenses that are involved.

It is always possible to help Jade's cause by making a donation at www.gofundme.com/jade-wish-to-walk.

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Double standards on carpet

I UNDERSTAND that Barry Town Council object to the newly laid carpet at The Sir Samuel Romilly on the grounds that it is disrespectful that patrons have to walk on the Barry Town crest when going to the bar or the toilets.

How do they explain then, the carpet in the Barry Town Mayor's parlour – which has the same crest woven all over it? No one can avoid walking on the crest pattern there, so is that also considered disrespectful?

Barry Town Council: I'm sure you have far more important issues to resolve – attracting more business to Holton Road, for example!

Lynnette Jones, Rhoose.

An Alice view of Brexit

SO now it is Parliament that is a stranglehold on democracy. Used to be the EU – all a bit Alice in Wonderland, but interesting to see the Boris-view of history.

We were told it was Parliament that would 'take back control'. Now seems we were mistaken. Apparently, it was the egotistical will of the Prime Minister and his cohort Dominic Cummings that was meant all the time.

This very evenly split Parliament represents pretty exactly a very evenly split nation. The Referendum to leave the EU was won by a tiny majority of just three-point-something per cent; fewer than four people in every 100.

Yet it is still paraded as the 'Will of the People'. It is the 'Will of Half the People'. This is not a game of football where one goal, one million, decides the outcome for all time against all opposition. It is a mature democracy where MPs who represent the people need to find a way through the tangled morass Brexit has become.

It is not a time for a General Election. A general election is about party politics and Brexit has nothing to do with party politics. Both major parties are deeply split within themselves – we need something that can be put to the people so that we know if we are to be in or out.

Then we can have a general election to decide if, whichever way forward is decided, we will have it coloured Red or Blue. This is not a time for hectoring Parliament into having an election now.

In the PM's Wonderland way with words where 'they mean what I mean them to mean', he can say it is 'reasonable' to offer Parliament a couple of weeks of debate on Brexit in exchange for a general election at his specific and pretty swift time of choosing.

The BBC did not help the cause of honest communication in this matter when an interviewer asked a Labour MP why was Labour 'running away from an election'; that is not 'fair and balanced' reporting. Why not ask why was the PM holding Parliament to ransom?

In any case, Labour is not the only party opposed to a general election and few Conservative MPs would welcome campaigning in the cold of winter when people's minds were turning to Christmas.

I am sure most would-be benevolent dictators would class their demands as a Wonderland 'reasonable'. I hope Parliament and the people of this country will have a more dictionary understanding of the word.

Jean Silvan Evans, Peterston-super-Ely

MPs vote key in policing crisis

I AM writing in response to letters printed in The GEM last week, most of which highlighted various levels of outrage that the Vale MP was trying to protect people by issuing them with stickers.

What drew my attention was the irony that the same MP issuing these crime prevention stickers has persistently voted over the past nine years for the unnecessary cuts to police and council budgets that has had a direct impact on the policing crisis we face today.

The closure of stations has also had an impact and South Wales Police have seen the number of officers patrolling our streets cut by 436 between 2011-2018.

All of this has taken its toll on the officers with morale at an all time low and officers under considerable strain.

The Tories are now proclaiming that they will employ 20,000 officers. Readers know that this is simply not enough to cover the losses or the planned losses from retirements or ill health.

Readers will also know that closure of police training colleges and a lack of staff to train these new recruits will put further strain on the people protecting us.

So, perhaps, before criticising the Labour Parliamentary candidate, Belinda Loveluck-Edwards, for challenging the MP's actions, readers will, like me, hope that those quick to protect their MP understand that the root causes of crime are not being tackled because nine years of cuts has devastated those public services we all hold dear.

Sandra Toker, St Athan

Review of law on assisted dying needed

I WAS disappointed to see that the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales, Alun Michael, did not put his name to a joint letter calling for an inquiry into the law on assisted dying, following PCC Ron Hogg's call for a change in the law.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham, Ron Hogg is one of 18 of the 40 PCCs in England and Wales who have written to the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice.

He said: "We believe it is time for a renewed look at the functioning of the existing law on assisted dying".

He came to this view after considering the plights of those in cases where the blanket ban on assisted dying has caused distress, confusion and pain for dying people, their loved ones, and even the investigating police officers themselves.

Dick Tonkin, Member of Campaign for Dignity In Dying Cardiff Group.

If they can't stand the heat...

COUNCILLORS should remember that they are public servants and therefore subject to criticism and even ridicule, if seen to be pursuing egotistical and puerile agendas.

Tiles depicting coats of arms can be seen on the flooring of many of our ancient churches and cathedrals as are tombstones of past dignitaries. Should these be excavated for fear of causing offence?

I'm sure the people of Barry will make their feelings apparent come the next local elections.

Mrs J Lunney, Rhoose.

Council Tax

I AM less than impressed by Councillor Moore's specious reasoning concerning the annual Council Tax increase.

I seem to remember that, a few years ago when the Government of the day released money country-wide, specifically to ease the burden on council tax payers, the Welsh Assembly used that money for other purposes.

It is a common perception that the more we pay, the less we get in return: it is time for this extortion by the Council to stop.

The (very) late Mr Morton of 'fork' fame would be proud of them!

Finally, when asked if views given during the consultation period could be presented other than online, Mr Moore said: "Yes – full details are on the website."

Without access to online communication, how does one access the website?

I ask only for information.

Patricia Price, Cowbridge.

Spare a thought for the refuse collectors

I HAVE just had a chat with our local refuse collectors who, like most of the residents, are not happy with the new recycling scheme just introduced by the council.

They do more work for the same money as they have to search each bag to ensure that no disallowed items have been put in it by the householders, most of whom are totally confused as to what is or is not allowed.

Our refuse collectors have always done a super job and I feel sorry for them.

Xarifa Cooper, Gileston

'Remainers should not be disregarded'

I AGREE with some of the comments made by Ade Pitman of Barry (GEM letters) – with one exception.

I always thought a referendum was meant to be advisory, not a mandate for the current situation.

As for 'Wales did, after all, vote Leave', are the 47.5% (772,347) of us who voted Remain in Wales to be completely disregarded and sidelined in this tortuous process?

Although I wouldn't vote Tory in a General Election, I rather hope they win it so they will bear responsibility for the consequences.

For example, the tonnes of fruit and vegetables going to waste due to lack of EU pickers, as just announced by the National Farmers Union.

Christine McGiffie, Bridgend.

'Be responsible with fireworks'

PLAID Cymru councillors are supporting calls from the RSPCA for people to be sensible and responsible with fireworks at this time of year.

Sudden loud noises can cause fear and distress in pets, and animals can injure themselves when trying to hide away from the noise.

Where possible, people should watch organised firework displays, such as that on Barry Island, organised by the Rotary Club, sponsored by Barry Town Council, rather than let off fireworks in built up parts of the town.

Cllr Ian Johnson,

Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales

Coat of arms belongs to the people, not Council'

I READ with interest about the issue regarding the carpet and the use of the Barry Town Council's coat of arms use on the said carpet, at the newly refurbished public house Weatherspoons in Market Street.

I would like to inform the Barry Town Council that the coat of arms used by Weatherspoons on the carpet belongs to the people, not the council.

There is no property within Barry Council's domain that belongs to them.

The smallest paper clip, up to the council's properties belong to the people, not the council; the council are just temporary custodians until we, the people, kick them out of office.

So I say to Weatherspoons – well done; I think it's fantastic you used this.

DJ Radford, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL NOVEMBER 7

Date	Time	Height (metres)
31/10/2019	08.18	10.1
31/10/2019	20.37	9.9
01/11/2019	08.55	9.6
01/11/2019	21.18	9.4
02/11/2019	09.37	9.2
02/11/2019	21.57	8.7
03/11/2019	10.21	8.3
03/11/2019	22.47	8.1
04/11/2019	11.17	7.8
04/11/2019	23.47	7.5
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05/11/2019	12.32	7.4
06/11/2019	01.20	7.3
06/11/2019	13.58	7.6
07/11/2019	02.43	7.7
07/11/2019	15.09	8.2

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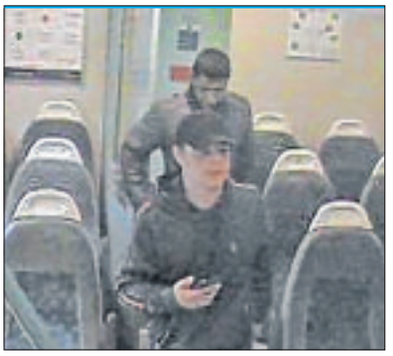

British Transport Police have released CCTV footage of the two suspects

A TRAIN manager was allegedly assaulted by two men on board a train between Bridgend and Cardiff on September 25.

Officers from the British Transport Police are investigating the incident which took place between 12.30pm and 1.20pm.

Two men are reported to have boarded the train without a ticket and locked themselves in the toilet.

When the train arrived at Bridgend, they excited and on their way off the train one of the men grabbed hold of the train manager and pushed him.

They then ran across the railway lines on their way out of the station.

Anyone who recognised the two men is being urged to contact British Transport Police by texting 61016 or by calling 0800 405040, quoting reference number 1900082835.

Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously by calling 0800 555111.

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Electric bus plans charge ahead

PLANS for an electric transport hub in Bridgend which would store and charge electric buses have been given the go-ahead.

Cenin Renewables submitted the plans for a one-acre site at Parc Stormy in Stormy Down, stating it was ideally located being between three of the key strategic regeneration growth areas – Porthcawl, Valleys Gateway and Bridgend – with links to the A48 and M4 and less than 10 miles from Port Talbot.

Planning officers told councillors the application was relatively speculative by the company to get funding in place and agreement with existing commercial bus operators. A planning condition would ensure the site is only used as a sustainable transport hub for ultra-low emission vehicles to prevent it from operating as a conventional transport depot in the future. The hub includes 16 parking spaces to store and charge electric buses, 16 HGV electric charging stations, 17 private vehicle parking spaces for staff, two private vehicle electric charging stations, and a hub container office. During the planning meeting on October 24, Cllr Mike Kearn raised safety concerns over bus drivers who might try to turn right onto the A48 at the Heol y Splott junction, cutting across the flow of traffic. Officers said that an agreement was in place to avoid HGVs and buses undertaking hazardous manoeuvres onto the A48 and heavy goods traffic associated will access and leave from the site via Heol y Splott with controlled routing, so they only turn left onto the A48.

Cenin Renewables said future development phases for the transport hub could involve increasing the capacity of electric vehicles and charging points to not only provide for zero-carbon buses, but also for other transport vehicles such as vans and taxis. They also highlighted the environmental benefits of replacing the county's diesel bus fleet with electric buses and said its proposals would enable the county to operate electric buses in line with others areas, such as Newport and Cardiff. Councillors unanimously approved the plans.

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Project to help veterans launched

VETERANS of the armed forces in Bridgend will be guaranteed an interview if they meet essential criteria for any advertised roles in the local authority under a new scheme.

Cabinet members approved the scheme which will now form part of the council's recruitment and selection procedures at a meeting on October 22 when Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) leader Huw David said: "We recognise the importance of the covenant we have with members of our community that have served in the armed forces, and the commitment and the sacrifice they make for us all.

"This is part of our wider suite of policies that support members of the armed forces and veterans which includes free swimming sessions, adapted accommodation for veterans who sustain injuries in service, and prioritised housing allocation. It's the least we can do given the services they provide to our country."

In a report which went before the cabinet, officers noted the valuable transferable skills veterans have, including communication, leadership and team working as well as problem solving and adaptability.

Chief executive Mark Shephard said the scheme could help veterans to overcome barriers in finding civilian employment and help reduce the risk of health and welfare problems as a result of long term unemployment. He said the scheme did not guarantee employment, as selection procedures would ensure the best candidate for the job was appointed.

The introduction of the scheme supports BCBC's Armed Forces Community Covenant. To be eligible, individuals must meet the essential criteria for the role, and be currently serving in the armed forces and within 12 weeks of the discharge date OR have their last long-term substantive employer as the armed forces, and no more than three years having elapsed since the discharge date.

Liz Bradfield

Pedestrian in 'critical' way after crash

A PEDESTRIAN was taken to hospital in a 'critical' condition after a serious collision on Tondu Road in Bridgend on October 24..

A white Ford Eco Sport car was involved in a collision with a 68-year-old man at around 7pm.

The road was closed for some four hours so investigation work could be carried out and the police have thanked members of the public for their patience and understanding.

Officers are appealing for anyone who witnessed the collision or anyone who may have dash cam footage of the incident to get in touch.

Police would also like to hear from anyone who witnessed the manner of the driving of the vehicle before the collision.

Witnesses should contact the roads police unit at Lakeside Police Station by calling 101 quoting 1900290092.

'Unusual' planning project raises a few eyebrows

A TERRACED house in Brynmenyn is to be demolished and a detached home built in its place, in an unusual application given approval by the local authority.

The end-of-terrace property, which is set slightly back from the building line and has a different appearance to other houses in the row, will now be knocked down with a new two-storey house being built on the site. Bridgend County Borough Council's (BCBC's) development control committee approved the application at a meeting on October 24 but the plans did raise eyebrows, with Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell saying it was fascinating that if your next door neighbour decided to demolish their home there was nothing you could do about it.

Group manager for planning and development Jonathan Parsons said it was rare to see an application of this sort, but it was permitted. "This situation very rarely comes up. However it's quite common when you have outbuildings adjacent to each other for one householder to demolish their outhouse but the other one maintain it.

"It's actually not beyond the realms of possibility that someone could build a house alongside you if you live in a semi-detached property and it becomes a terrace." He told councillors there was legislation such as The Party Wall Act which would ensure the rights of those living next door.

The applicant David Williams, whose brother is BCBC's deputy leader Hywel Williams, sits on Ogmore Valley Community Council. A new two-storey house will now be built on the 200 sqm site at a different angle; it will be finished with painted concrete cream render elevation with a black slate roof.

Four objections to the plans in Williams Terrace were received from people living nearby with concerns about the stability of the land if the house was demolished and the potential exposure of the gable end of the adjacent terraced property. In a report which went before councillors officers noted the property had a large outdoor amenity space compared to other homes in the area.

Officers recommended the plans for approval and councillors voted unanimously in favour of the plans.

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

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Belly dancing boosts Stroke Club's funds

Keith Duggan from Porthcawl Stroke Club received a cheque from the Masonic Care Home Prince of Wales Court's Alison Aberdeen recently.

MANAGER Alison Aberdeen from the Masonic Care Home Prince of Wales Court recently presented a cheque for £280.50 from all staff and residents to Keith Duggan from a charity walk organised by Mandy Kilpatrick- Evans.

Members of the Porthcawl Stroke Club joined residents of the Masonic lodge home for a fun afternoon, which featured belly dancing group Seren Arabi. Joining in the dance routine was Porthcawl Stroke Club Chairman Keith Duggan and Angela and Hannah, two staff members from the care home, who were up for the challenge!

It turned the afternoon into an hilarious dance session with Graham on the drums, Mary and the others making a noise with the Rraqi, Sharqi; a triangular hip scarf of coins, beads, fringing and lots of sequins, creating a glamorous appearance on the dancers.

The Stroke Club members had an enjoyable lunch at the home, and thanks go to Chef Dave and his team of caterers.

Anyone wishing to join the Porthcawl Stroke Club should contact Keith and Mary Duggan on 01656 773376.

Multi-agency hub to be built in school grounds

A NEW office and multi-agency hub is to be built in the grounds of Brynteg Comprehensive School in Bridgend.

The plans put forward by Bridgend Council mirror a similar facility at Coleg Cymunedol y Dderwen which serves the north west of the county.

Staff from social services who work in children's safeguarding will relocate from the civic offices to the new building, with office space catering for up to 65 people.

Education officers said relocating the facility to the grounds of the school would provide a more normalised and less stigmatised setting for children and families, adding the co-location of agencies enabled positive working relationships to develop and a quicker assessment of child and family needs.

The plans involve demolishing a temporary classroom on the site, felling two large mature trees and building the single storey office hub.

Excavated material will be used to form a bund to one side of the building.

Objections to the development include concerns about access arrangements with fears the development will exacerbate traffic problems.

A former sports court which has been used as a parking area for sixth form pupils is being resurfaced to provide 43 parking spaces for the sole use of staff and visitors to the new office.

Meanwhile, the access from Brynteg Gardens, which currently serves as a secondary pedestrian and vehicular access to Brynteg Upper School, will only provide access for staff and visitors to the hub.

Residents living nearby said on-street parking would be made worse with the displacement of students from the sixth form car park, adding that the new offices would also create year-round disturbance, intruding on the quieter summer holiday period.

In a report which went before councillors at a development control committee meeting on October 24, officers noted the proposed development would involve a reconfiguration of the parking area around the upper school building, with a total of 56 spaces being provided for use by staff and sixth form students.

In trying to address residents' concerns, they said it had been agreed that the Brynteg Gardens access could close during the summer holidays with staff and visitors to the hub able to use the Ewenny Road access instead. A condition has been imposed ensuring the office operates from 7.30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday.

During the meeting councillors raised concerns over the lack of lighting planned for a new footway being created for children to get to school due to their access via Brynteg Gardens being closed off. Planning officers agreed to add a condition to ensure the footpath was lit.

Councillors unanimously approved the plans.

MP's call to help reduce suicides

MADELEINE Moon wants MPs to consider what more can be done to reduce the number of people committing suicide, particularly men.

The Bridgend MP raised the issue with Leader of the House, Jacob Rees-Mogg, in the Commons.

She said the winner of the South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner partnership award was a multi-agency suicide review and response group made up of South Wales Police, Public Health Wales and Bridgend County Borough Council.

Mrs Moon said: "They came together to look at early intervention for those at risk of suicide.

"May we have a debate on the importance of such partnerships and early interventions in preventing suicide, particularly among the male population, which is particularly vulnerable?"

Mr Rees-Mogg said it was not open to him just to say yes to requests, but added that that is the type of request that deserves the most earnest consideration.

He told Mrs Moon: "The success in reducing suicide is of great importance and it is about multi-agency working.

"We remember the problems that there were in the Hon Lady's constituency not that long ago.

"This improvement ought to receive wider publicity so that other councils can follow the same path."

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PACT meetings in Bridgend area

BETTWS PACT takes place at Bettws Life Centre on Thursday, November 7 at 5pm.

Maesteg East, Maesteg West and Llangynwyd PACT at Cwm Calon Day Centre on Thursday, November 7 at 6pm.

Caerau PACT at Noddfa Community Centre on Monday, November 11 at 6pm.

Garw PACT/drop in meetings at Pontycymmer police station on Saturday, November 16 at 1pm.

Llangeinor PACT at Llangeinor Football Club, Llangeinor on Wednesday, November 20 at 7pm.

Sarn and Bryncoch PACT at Sarn Life Centre on Monday, November 25 at 7pm.

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Arrest made after serious assault

POLICE have arrested a 23-year-old man in connection with a serious assault which took place in Bryn Amlwg, North Cornelly, this week.

Officers responded to the 999 emergency just after 11am on Tuesday (October 29).

The 23-year-old remains in police custody.

Detective Inspector Simon Morgan said: "We are not currently looking for anyone else in connection with the incident.

"We are aware videos of the incident have been circulating online, and I'd urged people not to speculate about the incident, and to use social media responsibility."

Anyone with information should contact police by calling 101 quoting 1900399683 or by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

News from Llangan and Treoes with Nancy Davidge

News from Llangan School

THIS year's Harvest Festival celebrations on Thursday, October 24, were once again an outstanding success.

Everyone who came along enjoyed some beautiful singing and poetry. The guests were as generous as ever to the school's chosen charity, the Taff Ely Foodbank.

Mrs Delbridge and Mr O'Brian of the food bank were grateful for the school's support.

The end of school before half term culminated in a spooky disco, hosted by the Friends of Llangan School.

Young at Heart Club

THERE was a party atmosphere at the club on Thursday, October 24, for the 90th birthday of long-time member, Mrs Gwyneth Jones. Members enjoyed her birthday cake and a sing-along.

Saron Chapel, Treoes

THE next service at Saron is on Sunday, November 3, at 3pm. Officiating will be the Rev Trevor Harry, and everyone is assured of a warm welcome.

Church goes purple for World Polio Day

St David's Church, Laleston, was bathed in a purple light to mark the occasion.

WORLD Polio Day, which took place on October 24, was initiated by the Rotary Foundation nearly a decade ago with an aim to further the complete eradication of the polio virus from all the parts of the world.

The Rotary Club of Bridgend celebrated World Polio Day by illuminating St David's Church, Laleston, with purple light – the colour supporting the polio vaccination campaign, as those who receive the vaccine dip their little finger in a purple colour.

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Proposed £3.14m plan sparks series of fears

FEARS have been raised that less affluent areas in south east Wales might get left behind under new arrangements being prepared for a regional development plan.

At the moment, planning policy in the region is generally undertaken by individual local authorities with a limited degree of collaboration at a regional level.

However, a new framework is being developed in which each of the 10 local authorities in the Cardiff Capital Region come together to create a strategic development plan (SDP) – expected to cover a 20-year period.

Under the set-up, every local authority will have one representative on a panel which will oversee the preparation of the plan – expected to include a vision for the region and core issues such as housing need and supply, employment sites, and transport infrastructure.

Other areas could include decarbonisation, tourism, and air quality.

However, while each local authority will have one representative on the panel they will have weighted votes depending on where they are from.

For example: one representative's vote from Cardiff has the weight of five votes as opposed to Newport and the Vale of Glamorgan, which both have two each and Blaenau Gwent which has one. The vote weighting is based on population size and geographical area.

At a Bridgend full council meeting on October 23, Cllr Cheryl Green raised concerns that Bridgend only had two votes when Monmouthshire received three.

She said: "I understand the weighting of the votes on population but I'm struggling to understand why it would be based on geographical size.

"Why would Monmouthshire get a vote for every 31,000 head of population while here in Bridgend you only get a vote for every 72,000 head of population? It's baffling – Monmouthshire can't expect to have any more applications than anywhere else."

BCBC's head of planning Jonathan Parsons said the voting arrangement had been agreed by the City Deal board and it was considered Monmouthshire could well see more development proportionately to other areas in the region due to its border with England, and the Severn Bridge tolls being removed.

However, he added that the votes were not set in stone at this stage and might be reconsidered.

Council leader Huw David said Monmouthshire was the largest geographical area of the 10 authorities in south east Wales and the local authority had made the case to the City Deal board that due to the considerable development likely to take place in the county, it would have to deal with a lot of controversial developments.

He said: "Each local authority has one representative on the panel so there would be that equality of voices around the table."

Cllr Green said she was concerned that if a lot of development was anticipated for Monmouthshire – "which is probably the least deprived area" in south east Wales – the "areas of a less affluent nature" would get left behind.

The estimated cost of developing an SDP for the Cardiff capital region is £3.14m over five years – with the 10 local authorities sharing the cost.

Officers said the cost would be a proportional contribution based on the vote weighting system – in Bridgend the council would have to make an annual payment of almost £55,000 while Monmouthshire will have to pay nearly £82,000 a year. However, they said the cost of future LDPs would be significantly reduced, with key contentious issues having been agreed at SDP stage.

Bridgend's LDP costs around £2m to prepare.

Planning officers said the SDP would only consider the issues that have a regional significance with both the local development plan (LDP) and the emerging national development framework remaining in place.

They said it was anticipated the same level of engagement with communities would take place in developing the SDP as it does with the LDP with a public consultation at key stages of its preparation.

During the meeting all councillors agreed to start the process of preparing an SDP for the Cardiff Capital Region as set out under the Planning (Wales) Act 2015.

If every local authority agrees to begin the process the plan could be adopted in 2024-25.

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

Football club's grave concerns over price hike

THE assistant manager of a football club in Bridgend has warned that a huge hike in charges for outdoor sports facilities – voted through by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) – will wipe out grassroots sports for all ages.

Simon Brooks from Brackla Football Club said most clubs struggle to meet the costs already in place and he can't see how any team will be able to continue to play if the charges come into force next September.

He said: "The council has a duty of care to ensure there is easy access to sports teams in the area.

"Tackling obesity should be a priority, not to mention the mental health of young women and men."

He said the club has two teams in district leagues which means it would need to find more than £600 per week from a group of 40 players aged 16 to 34 just to play for one-and-a-half hours on a Saturday afternoon.

He added: "We share our pitch at Litchard Cross with youth and other clubs who play in different leagues and we use what is essentially a community hall, which is often booked out for children's parties.

"We have a very close relationship with the Brackla rugby team who are also looking into a community asset transfer so hopefully we have a chance."

Liz Bradfield, Local Democracy Reporter

Choir does its bit for Poppy Appeal 2019

MAESTEG Male voice choir took part in the Garw Valley poppy appeal on October 19 at Pontycymer leisure centre.

It was the choir's 12th annual concert and this year, the Band of the Prince of Wales Division were the main artistes, performing together with primary schools of Blaengarw, Bettws, Ffaldau and Ysgol Gynradd Calon Y Cymoedd.

Among pieces sung by Maesteg choir were 'Y Tangnefeddwr', which is about the Blitz of Swansea and finally 'Tell my Father' which was arranged by Ryan Wood and is a beautiful song about the American civil war.

The choirs and band joined together to sing 'Abide With Me' and 'Pack Up Your Troubles' before guest speakers were introduced.

During the silence poppy leaves were dropped from the roof, covering all the participants.

The school choirs and the band brought an extremely successful concert to a close and the audience went home having thoroughly enjoyed another annual concert.

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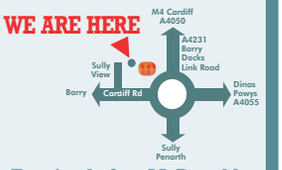

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Remembrance Service

THE parish of Wenvoe and St Lythan's are holding a Service of Remembrance in St Mary's church at 10am on November 10 followed by the Silence and laying of wreaths at the village war memorial at 11am.

Refreshments available in the church hall following the service. All are welcome.

Scout fair at Bridgend

THE 3rd Bridgend Scout Group is holding a Christmas Fair on Sunday, November 24 from 10am - 4pm at the Bridgend Scout Hall, Llangewydd Road, Cefn Glas CF31 4JU.

Hot drinks and cakes; more than 30 stalls to browse including glass bead making and demonstration, wood burning (try your hand); vegan bath bombs; candles; children's messy play, sand art, bespoke cards, knitting, sewing, felt and lots more. Admission free.

Country market

A COUNTRY market takes place on Friday, November 15 in the Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

On Saturday, November 16, the Vale of Glamorgan Farmers' Market takes place from 9am to 1pm at Arthur John's car park, Cowbridge.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING AN EVENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY LET US KNOW ABOUT IT BY CALLING THE GEM ON 01446 774484

Mud hazard at beach warning

VISITORS to a Porthcawl beach have been asked to heed a warning from the National Coastwatch Institution.

Nick Weedon from Porthcawl NCI said: "We have witnessed numerous incidents recently where people have attempted to cross from Sandy Bay (Coney Beach) to the slipway at low water and become trapped in the soft, deep mud at the harbour entrance.

"Fortunately, some managed to 'self rescue'; other times we have called UK Coastguard to initiate a response.

"Visitors are asked to be aware of the hazard.

"We had another incident last Saturday which we instantly reported to UK Coastguard.

"Thanks to Porthcawl RNLI, Porthcawl and Port Talbot Coastguard, the individual was rescued with 15 minutes to spare before the tide covered the area."

Bridgend Quiz League

BRIDGEND Quiz League results for October 21:

Division 1: Mackworth Arms 43, Oldcastle A 48; Crown Maesteg 36, Chatterton Shunters 50; TyRisha Royals 48, Penybont AFC Nomads 49; Laleston Inn A 45, Tondu Railway Club 47.

Division 2: Oldcastle B 51, Cabo Roche 39; Tondu Railway Locos 34, Laleston Inn B 56; Pheasant Gamekeepers 48, Pheasant Pluckers 55; Prince of Wales Rebels 41, Six Bells Clangers 54.

Here are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League to test your knowledge:

1. In the 1960s, Mike Mercury was the pilot in which Gerry Anderson puppet series?

2. To which plant family does the crocus belong?

3. Leg cutter and asking rate are terms used in which sport?

If you are interested in joining the League, go to: bridgendquiz.com.

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Answers: 1. Supercar; 2. Iris; 3. Cricket.

Woodland development appeal in Briary Wood housing plans

AN appeal has been lodged against the refusal of plans to build three homes and garages near ancient woodland in Bridgend.

In May, planners at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) turned down the outline planning application, submitted by Homestyle Dom Care, saying it would result in the 'unjustified loss' of protected trees and woodlands.

The site on Briary Wood in Briary Way, Brackla forms part of the Tremains Wood Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).

Some of the 40 trees that would have been cut down to make way for the housing were subject to Tree Preservation Orders.

In a council report outlining reasons for refusal, officers said the Tremains Wood SINC provided an important 'green lung' in Brackla which was already well-developed.

Mr G Williams of Homestyle Dom Care is appealing the decision via his agent Vale Planning.

The company has provided a revised site plan which it says overcomes the council's reasons for refusing planning permission, adding the loss of trees has been 'significantly reduced' with the introduction of a 15-metre buffer zone between the development and the boundary of the ancient woodland, as well as a woodland management plan.

In the appeal documents, Jinny Jones of Vale Planning states that around a third of the original SINC has been built on since BCBC last did a review of the county's Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation, with the fragmentation largely as a result of council-led development of Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School.

She also states that the appeal site is less mature than other areas of the SINC.

A number of residents living nearby have consistently objected to the proposed development.

Keith Hughes, who has lived in the area for 30 years and started a campaign against the plans, said: "It's so disappointing after the length of time taken in the first place [to battle against the development plans].

"When the council decided to refuse the application, everyone was delighted and thought 'at long last, there's some progress'.

"And now, five months down the line, they've appealed."

The plans were first submitted last summer before being withdrawn and then resubmitted in December 2018.

Members of the public have until Wednesday, November 6 to submit any comments on the appeal.

For more details or to comment on the appeal visit acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk and type in reference number 3238160.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Father and son pick up Lifetime Achievement Award

TWO titans of logistics received the industry's ultimate accolade on October 24 when Tommy Williams and his son John Williams were honoured at FTA's Logistics Awards 2019 with the business group's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award recognises a lifelong commitment to the freight and logistics industry and was awarded jointly to Tommy and John in recognition of the transformative work which both have undertaken during their long careers in the sector.

"Behind every great son stands a great father," said Leigh Pomlet, President of FTA when presenting the award, "and Tommy and John Williams are synonymous with the excellence and dedication which is required to succeed in the logistics industry.

Many congratulations to them both on their incredible careers, which have inspired so many."

Mr Williams Senior began his logistics career in 1953, with a single coal delivery lorry but soon established TDW Distribution as a significant successful logistics company, which is well regarded in the challenging Welsh transport industry.

John Williams, his son, started his career with Russel Davies, Securicor Logistics and Hutchinson Ports before acquiring Maritime Transport in 2001.

Since taking control, when the company ran 137 vehicles, he has turned it into one of the UK's leading transport companies, with a turnover in excess of £330 million a year, more than 1,000 trucks and 2,000 drivers.

The Bridgend-based company is now the UK's largest container road operator.

The awards ceremony, held in Westminster, was attended by more than 400 of the logistics industry's leading representatives from all modes of transport.

FTA Director of Marketing and Communications, Kevin Green, said the event showcased the very best of British industrial delivery and innovation: "FTA's Logistics Awards have always celebrated success, innovation and dedication, and this year was no exception.

A highly anticipated event that surpassed even the greatest of expectations, this year's ceremony certainly lived up to its reputation as the logistics occasion of the year and recognised the incredible work done by the individuals and businesses committed to keeping Britain trading."

Efficient logistics are vital to keep Britain trading, directly having an impact on more than seven million people employed in the making, selling and moving of goods. With Brexit, new technology and other disruptive forces driving change in the way goods move across borders and through the supply chain, logistics has never been more important to the UK. FTA speaks to Government with one voice on behalf of the whole sector, with members from the road, rail, sea and air industries, as well as the buyers of freight services such as retailers and manufacturers.

Agricultural firm starts new venture for tractors in south Wales

A WELL-known figure in south Wales agriculture has been tempted out of retirement to help create a new business selling farm machinery – and has already attracted a high-profile franchise for McCormick tractors.

Terry Coles supplied many hundreds of tractors and implements to farmers and contractors through his dealership JG Plant, which he sold in 2014 to enjoy a well-earned retirement.

"The business was placed in administration at the end of last year and overnight, my loyal and friendly customers in the Bridgend area and beyond found themselves with no local source of parts and service for their machines," said Terry.

"It was partly in response to that situation that I agreed to help set up our new dealership."

TC Agriculture, operating from premises on the Brackla Trading Estate in Coity near Bridgend, has been formed by Mr Coles, workshop technicians Will Lean and David Howells (who is also involved in sales), and parts/stores manager Steve Evans. Collectively, they have many years' experience with agricultural machinery and are pooling their expertise to create a business supporting farming and other rural enterprises across south Wales.

"Having bought the parts stock at the Bridgend depot, we were immediately able to supply service consumables, replacement parts and all the other small but essential items that farmers need day-to-day," said Mr Coles.

"We're also providing workshop services such as repairs and routine servicing, and we planned to only trade in used tractors and machinery – but then we had the opportunity to take on McCormick, and having studied the products, it was irresistable; I think they have great potential in our area."

McCormick is a long-established brand originating in North America that for the past 19 years has been owned by Argo Tractors, the Italian agricultural engineering group which has its own distribution company in Yorkshire, which holds a large stock of parts in support of dealers' own stocks, and with rapid delivery available from the international parts centre in Italy.

"In this area, our best-selling tractors were always relatively simple, straight-forward machines of 90-130hp, and while some manufacturers have moved away from those or only offer 'cheap and cheerful' machines, the McCormick range still includes quality, well-built tractors of this type," said Mr Coles.

"It's one of the things that attracted us to the franchise – many of my customers want a tractor without too many electronics, including a manual gear shift and hydraulics – and that's just what they can have with models like the new McCormick X5 and X6 series, which are ideal for a mixed workload of field and loader work."

Chris Hughes, Argo Tractors area sales manager for Wales, is pleased that there are now demonstrator McCormick tractors at the Bridgend depot for potential customers to try out for themselves on their own farms. He said: "It really is the best way to appreciate the features and qualities of the tractors."

Museum welcomes special guest

Businessman Duncan Barber (left), museum secretary Ceri Joseph (centre) and special guest Maggie Appleton (right) sampling some Spitfire-shaped biscuits

PORTHCAWL museum gave a warm welcome to Maggie Appleton MBE last week.

Maggie is the Museum Association's president and CEO of the RAF museums.

Her visit was arranged by Air Officer Commanding Wales, Air Cdr Adrian Williams RAF, following a request from museum member Rob Taylor. Rob and his wife Ann were instrumental, with others, in setting up a permanent war memorial at Stormy Down in 2017 and the current RAF exhibition at the museum. Joining Maggie on the visit was local businessman Duncan Barber FRAeS, a long time supporter of all things RAF.

Visitors were given a tour by museum secretary Ceri Joseph who served them Welsh cakes and some novelty Spitfire-shaped biscuits.

Maggie said she was "hugely impressed by the commitment, passion and professionalism of everyone I met at Porthcawl. The team's warm welcome and genuine passion for sharing their inspiring collections and stories was very special indeed. I wish them every success with their plans for the future and look forward to seeing them continue to grow and flourish."

Mr Barber said: "An amazing historical collection of artefacts, all relevant to Porthcawl, its people and surrounding area through the ages. A credit to the to town and all the volunteers who have made this possible. Well worth a visit."

Porthcawl museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

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Choir's annual outing hailed a success

BRIDGEND Male Choir held its 59th annual concert at the Sony Theatre, Bridgend College on October 11.

The concert was compered by Beverley Humphreys alongside 64 choristers,who were joined by solo tenor Richard Allen and Oldcastle Primary School Choir, led by Charlotte Ellet.

The hard work and dedication of the music team was evident throughout and a varied programme was delivered with excellence.

There were many highlights, particularly 'Anfonaf Angel,' which the choir sang with passion in memory of the late Bill Hodge.

'Singin' in the Rain' was performed with humour when a few mischievous choristers fired water pistols into the air and organist Scott Williams thrilled everyone with a skilful rendition of Finale – Organ Sonata No 1 (Op 42) by Alexandre Guilmant.

The familiar favourite 'American Trilogy', brought an excellent close to a wonderful evening.

Jan Craddock

Top Dog Film Festival on its way!

CALLING all dog lovers! The Top Dog Film Festival is a collection of canine-inspired short films, all celebrating the unbreakable bond between dogs and humans.

From the scruffiest street dogs to the most pampered pooches, and all of our four-legged friends in between, these stories are moving, uplifting and inspiring.

"Humans and dogs share a precious, heart-warming bond, and this new collection of films celebrates the canine companions that enrich our lives," said tour director Nell Teasdale.

"Whether you're a dog owner or just like dogs, these films are guaranteed to make you laugh, cry and fall in love with man's best friend all over again."

Featuring a carefully curated collection of stories from independent film-makers all around the world, the Top Dog Film Festival will reach the Amey Theatre, Grand Pavilion in Porthcawl on November 13.

You'd be barking mad to miss it!

LGBTQ+ support group to launch next month

PRIDE Cymru and MHM Wales are working in partnership to facilitate Bridgend's LGBTQ+ peer support group.

Through collaboratively working with Assisting Recovery in the Community and South Wales Police the LGBTQ+ group will be launched on November 27 by the Bridgend Mayor Cllr Stuart Baldwin.

This group is for anyone in the LGBTQ+ community, including (but not limited to) people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, asexual, intersex or are questioning their identity.

The group will offer a safe, supportive space where you can share your thoughts and feelings and discuss coping strategies.

The group looks at issues around being LGBT, as well as general mental health issues and how we can work with them. It is peer-led, so everyone who attends identifies as LGBTQ+, including volunteers and group workers.

LGBTQ+ support group will run every fourth Wednesday (excluding Bank Holidays) from 5.30pm–7pm at Union Offices, Quarella Road, Bridgend CF31 1JW.

No referrals required to access the group, just turn up and make new friends and find out more.

For more information call Nia Jones on 01656 651450; nia.jones@mhmwales.org.

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Ex-climbing instructor reaches new heights after scooping silver award

A FORMER outdoor adventure instructor from Bridgend now helping to inspire elderly people is celebrating a top place in the final of a national awards contest.

Lily Chapman of Coity, Bridgend, who works as lifestyle coordinator at Ty Enfys Care Home in Pentwyn, Cardiff, won a silver award in the Excellence in Dementia Care category, sponsored by All Care South Wales and College Fields Nursing Home, at this year's Wales Care Awards.

The national awards are organised by Care Forum Wales and acknowledge the exceptional work and dedication of those in the care sector.

The former high ropes and Segway instructor, who previously worked at Mountain View Ranch in Heol-Pen-y-Bryn, Caerphilly helping young people and families to push the boundaries of their capabilities, said she is driven by a desire to help people and believes no obstacle is too great to stop people at any age achieving their ambitions.

Lily said: "It's always nice to be recognised. I have a great team around me and I feel honoured to be nominated and to have reached the final.

"My grandad had dementia but what drives me most is knowing that potentially close members of my family may suffer with this horrible disease. I want to make sure the care they would receive is as good as it should be."

Lily studied archaeology at Cardiff University before completing a masters in journalism, media and communications.

Upon leaving university she undertook a graduate placement with Newydd Housing Association, helping vulnerable people in sheltered accommodation to access community services and increase their confidence and social network.

"The time I spent at the housing association helped me realise my passion which was helping people in different types of predicaments," she said.

"This is definitely the field that suits me the most.

"We have a can-do attitude within the home and a positive risk-taking approach.

"If it's safe, then why does everything have to stop because you care into a care home?"

Lily designs and delivers the activities programme in the home's 40-bed dementia unit and helps to create an environment where residents feel supported and encouraged.

"I'm very passionate about changing the perception of care homes.

It's very difficult for families to see their loved ones moving into a care home but for us it's another new experience and creating opportunities to try new things."

Mario Kreft, chairman of Care Forum Wales, said the standard of entries was extremely high. "There are only winners here tonight so it is only fitting that the finalists will receive a gold, silver or bronze Wales Care Award. I trust that they will continue to inspire those around them as role models and encourage others to aspire to even greater heights and in the months and years to come.

"We take our hats off to them."

Comic opera in Porthcawl

THE Mid Glamorgan Savoyards are putting on a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's comic opera *The Gondoliers* at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl on Saturday, November 16 at 7.30pm.

Tickets £12 from Ty Hafan, Kidney Research Wales, Macmillan Cancer Support, the box office or members of the cast.

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Caerau Shedders show off their wares at their Open Day

Open day at Caerau Men's Shed.

AN Open Day event at Caerau Development Trust, home of Caerau Men's Shed, welcomed people to meet Shed members and to view their displays of art, photography and woodwork.

The popular community group aims to promote men's health and wellbeing through social interaction and practical activity, allowing members to share their wealth of skills and knowledge with each other while making new friends.

The group produce wonderful creations which can be sold, to support running costs of the Shed.

Ogmore Assembly Member Huw Irranca-Davies attended, as a big supporter of the Men's Shed movement and a regular visitor to the various Sheds in Ogmore. "I always enjoy visiting to hear about the positive impacts they are having on our communities. Working alongside the Caerau Development Trust, their work has them branching out to help local schools, churches and similar projects.

"The Caerau Men's Shed is going from strength to strength and they always provide a warm welcome to anyone who wants to visit them. Look out for their great annual calendar too!" **CB**

West Country tour for choir

COR Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch made a two-day tour singing at Taunton in Somerset and at Honiton in Devon recently.

Both concerts were to raise funds for West Country Health Education and Research Enterprise (WHERE).

Huw Morgan, the choir's musical director arranged a varied programme for both concerts starting the opening with traditional Welsh pieces including 'Rachie' 'Myfanwy' and finally 'Tydi a Roddaist' with its wonderful 'Amen' end.

After a small break where soloist baritone David Maybury entertained the audience with two songs, the choir continued and finally for this set Huw's arrangement of 'Calon Lan'.

Kevan Lloyd another baritone soloist (from the choir) sang two pieces before the choir brought the first half to a close with 'Afonaf Angel', 'Sosban Fach' and another piece with an arrangement by Huw Morgan.

The second half began with choir singing songs from the shows and the audience were then entertained by Carys Morgan who sang two pieces, one from *The Little Mermaid* and one from *The Lion King*.

Carys, who is the 12-year-old daughter of Huw Morgan, really captured the hearts of the audience.

The choir then brought the concert to a close with songs from *Les Miserables* which had a wonderful response from the audience.

The success of these two concerts can be judged by a capacity audience for both venues and the fact that the choir has been invited back for next year.

Cor Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch are very fortunate in having a musical team in Huw Morgan and Laura Deenick and they certainly bring the best out of the choir. **TH**

Fight carries on for 1950s women, says MP

CHRIS Elmore MP has reaffirmed his commitment to continue working for justice for 1950s-born women affected by the government's state pension changes, at a drop-in event with members of the WASPI campaign in Parliament.

The Conservative-Liberal Democrat Coalition Government accelerated changes to the women's state pension age in 2011, a change which many of the women affected claim they were not informed about.

As a result, many of them have been unable to plan their finances properly and have had to change their retirement plans.

Following the conclusion of the recent High Court case on the issue, MPs have been organising their next steps to seek to correct this injustice.

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality for Women, of which Chris is secretary, have since reiterated their call on ministers to review the pension arrangements for the women affected and to examine the viability of three key transitional proposals.

Proposals were drawn up following a consultation by the APPG, through which all affected campaign groups were invited to take part.

Solutions include: a non-means tested payment for all women aged 63 and over, an equalisation of women's pensions so that all receive a full state pension regardless of the number of years of national insurance contributions they have accrued, and extended pension credit payments for those worst affected.

Chris Elmore MP said: "It's a scandal that these women have been ignored for so long by the government. The set of solutions put forward by the APPG following last year's consultation are very reasonable and are, frankly, the least these women should expect after the contempt with which they've been treated to date.

"I will be continuing to work hard with colleagues of all political colours to ensure this remains high on the agenda in Parliament and we finally get the changes all of the affected women need and deserve."

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Lorry ban will make life better, villagers say

Residents in the village are hoping to see an end to traffic problems like this

A PROPOSAL from the Vale Council to restrict heavy goods vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonne from using the narrow, single track road through Llysworney has been met with a unanimous seal of approval from the village residents.

A spokesman for the residents said: "Virtually everyone living in the village has sent a letter of support to the proposal, with 76 of those letters being hand delivered to the Director of Environment and Housing at the council offices."

The Darren Farm development was approved with certain planning conditions, one being that heavy goods vehicles in excess of 7.5 tonne would be directed to use the newly-constructed Darren Farm link Road that joins the A48.

"The weight restriction on the B4268 would, in the main, ensure this," commented one resident.

Another said: "Llysworney residents are absolutely thrilled that the council has seized the opportunity provided by the Darren Farm development to finally end the historical frustrations experienced daily by our Llysworney community, commuting motorists and lorry drivers themselves."

The council's consultation period expires tomorrow (November 1).

Peter Emery, also a resident of the village commented: "The proposal is very much a win win situation. People living in Llysworney can begin to look forward to a more peaceful,healthy future, free from toxic diesel fumes emitted by congested stagnant vehicles.

"Commuters can plan more accurately their journey times to and from work, and the Llandow Trading Estate can offer encouragement to new businesses who hitherto may have been concerned by the limited road access to the estate.

"Llysworney residents are united in their wish to say many thanks for the encouragement and support received from Alun Cairns MP, Andrew R T Davies AM and Jane Hutt AM together with special thanks to the Vale Council for recognising and embracing this opportunity."

Marking World Polio Day in Bridgend

TO mark World Polio Day the Rotary Club of Maesteg supplied purple crocus bulbs to Caerau Primary School, and these were planted by the pupils; come spring we will see the fruit of their labours in a wonderful display of purple.

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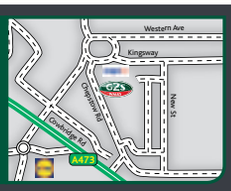

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What is the 617 Group?

Johnny Johnson, one of the Dambusters, is still an active member at 96, and is pictured with other members of the 617 Group.

TO the Royal Air Force, it is the Dambusters: the latest squadron flying the latest fast jets; to the public, it is a historic number.

To the 617 Group, it is the handful of dedicated volunteers, mostly veterans themselves, who give their time for other veterans in need. The group meets every Tuesday in Penarth at the pier building on the seafront to catch up on the previous week with banter and laughter, with progress on various projects discussed, and occasionally commiserations for the loved ones of a fallen comrade and a helping hand offered. The group was founded by Russ Kiteley in 2012, who identified the needs of veterans as an area of concern and tried to help their situation. So far, more than 60 veterans and their families have benefited from the group's efforts. The group is honoured and proud to have as its life president Johnny Johnson, the last of the Dambusters. He is their inspiration and at 96, he is still active and looking forward to celebrating his next birthday soon. The group has ongoing projects, including wreath laying on behalf of the group's veterans for their fallen comrades in arms on Armistice Day. Russ and other members started the project which has now become Woody's Lodge. The Dambusters presentation which has been seen by schools, Masons, clubs etc, all of whom have enjoyed the experience.

Contact Alan.Shep39@hotmail.com for further information.

How wheelchair rugby transformed Paul's life

LAST week, The GEM reported about the growth of the sport of wheelchair rugby in the area, and Army Veteran Bruce Falkenberg discussed how joining the Ospreys team had been very important to him.

This week, The GEM looks at Paul Jenkins, formerly a player for Great Britain, who is now Head Coach of Ospreys Wheelchair Rugby as well as the UK Invictus and Help for Heroes Warrior Games teams.

The Bridgend man knows first-hand the benefits of getting into wheelchair rugby, following a devastating accident that left him a permanent wheelchair user.

Paul served for six years in the Welsh Guards in the 1970s. Within a year of leaving, he had a motorbike accident which broke his neck. Like the people he now helps, he went along for a trial session and became hooked.

Paul said: "In my first year, I was lucky enough to get selected for the Great Britain team and it's just bloomed from there."

Paul has proudly represented his country at Paralympics and European Championships, supported by his wife Jayne and their family.

Paul now works with several veterans who've heard about him through Help for Heroes.

He said: "They're signposting people to me like there's no tomorrow! Which is great because you see them when they come first as a bit down in the dumps.

"The more they come, the more they learn, the better they like the sport. And that's what it's all about, it's about them getting out to do something rather than sitting around depressed and fed up with life".

Paul's wife Jayne (54), works closely with him, supporting wheelchair rugby all over the world. Jayne is happy to get stuck in with helping the players at training sessions and can't remember how many wheels she has fixed after a crash! The fact that Paul is a veteran himself means he can empathise with the men and women he meets through Help for Heroes.

Jayne said: "It's lovely with Paul being ex-military as well, it just gives him back being in the military family, you know, and I support him in every way that I can, to keep him busy."

Wheelchair rugby has become a way of life for the Jenkins family and Jayne claims it gives them both job satisfaction.

She said: "I think if Paul didn't do this, he would just be sat in the house doing nothing. This is his life. He eats, breathes everything wheelchair rugby."

She loves seeing veterans coming along and trying the game with Paul: "It's amazing to see them going from knowing nothing to winning medals and supporting each other".

As rugby fanatics, supporters of Help for Heroes and Welsh patriots, Jayne and Paul were thrilled to be asked to model the charity's new clothing range.

Paul said: "It's a great honour, to be asked to do that – we're Welsh and we're proud."

PICTURED: Paul Jenkins gives a team talk.

What's on, and where?

HOME grown West End star Peter Karrie is to star in this year's Tenovus Lovelight service at Holy Cross Church in Cowbridge.

Peter starred in *The Phantom of the Opera* during a long and successful stage career. He was born and brought up in Llanmaes and is a keen supporter of Tenovus Cancer Care.

The service on Friday, December 13 at 6.30pm is compered by the BBC's Lucy Owen; it features the Barry Tenovus Sing With Us choir and the award winning Cor y March children's choir, based at Welsh St Donats.

Tickets cost £7.50 for adults and £2.50 for children, available from the Tenovus shop on Cowbridge High Street. There is also a bus trip to the Bath Christmas markets on Thursday, November 28; tickets (£25) are also available from the shop.

Re-use shop opens

THE first re-use shop in Bridgend has opened at Maesteg's community recycling centre.

At the Heol Ty Gwyn industrial estate, residents are able to donate unwanted household items in good condition at the shop, called The Siding. The shop is run by social enterprise Wastesavers in partnership with the the local authority and Kier.

Deputy leader of Bridgend County Borough Council Hywel Williams said Wastesavers was already operating successful shops at recycling centres elsewhere in south Wales and profits from the business will be reinvested into social programmes.

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How a Porthcawl man's chance meeting with Gandhi inspired a London exhibition

Pictured left is Mahatma Gandhi outside Number 10 Downing Street.

Pictured right is John Berry BEM (far left) and Dan Llywelyn Hall (centre) with dignitaries at the unveiling in London recently.

SEVEN murals, designed by Welsh artist Dan Llywelyn Hall, have gone on display in London to celebrate Mahatma Gandhi and 100 years of the Indian YMCA.

The oil creations, which were unveiled at the Indian's YMCA base in the capital city earlier this month, are from a collection of work called 'Searching for Home.'

Mr Hall's masterpieces celebrate the Anglo-Indian bond that has endured through tumultuous times such as world wars and political unrest.

John Berry BEM, who helped stage the exhibition and founded the Welsh YMCA, was just 10-years-old when Gandhi brokered an independence deal with Winston Churchill.

In the early 1940s, towards the end of the war, Mr Berry had a chance encounter with Gandhi on the steps of 10 Downing Street.

Mr Berry, who is now in his 80s and went on to establish strong links with the Indian YMCA, was familiar with Mr Hall's work and decided to introduce him to the charity's general secretary in the hope of getting him on board with the exhibition.

Porthcawl resident Mr Berry said: "I was brought into this world in 1936 by a doctor who had immigrated to the UK from India as a young student. It, therefore, follows the first face I ever saw was that of an Indian.

"As a young child during the war I visited London with my parents. I remember being in Downing Street (there was not today's high security in the 1940s), my mother was an enormous fan of Churchill and we stood on the step to Number 10.

"We were moved to one side to allow a visitor access to the residence and I remember looking at this little old man dressed – I thought – in his bed sheet, who spoke to my parents as he passed. I have this vivid memory of seeing the great man."

He added: "In 1958, I started work with the YMCA and in 1965 went to Jamaica to establish new YMCA work before returning to the UK in 1968.

"I came to Porthcawl in 1983 to reopen YMCA here. It is with great pleasure I join in celebrating 150 years of Gandhi and the centenary of this magnificent institution that upholds his ethos."

Too Young to Make a Will? Think Again!

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Rebecca Seldon, an Associate Solicitor in Lifetime Planning, who is based at JCP Solicitors' Cowbridge office, shares her advice on the importance of making a Will at a fairly young age.

Young adults often delay writing a Will in the belief that they are not old enough or wealthy enough to need one. I know from my own experience of being in my late twenties, that embarking on a career and starting a family are my main priorities. Putting plans in place for the potential end of my life has not been at the forefront of my mind. It is not nice to think about our lives coming to an end, but the harsh reality is that life is not predictable and it can take unexpected turns in the blink of an eye. Making a Will allows you to take control of your life in a way that supports your loved ones, should the worst happen.

If you do not make a Will, the Rules of Intestacy will stipulate who gets what upon your death and the outcome may not be what you want. This can be devastating, particularly if you are in a relationship but are not married or in a civil partnership. In this eventuality, legally, your partner would not be entitled to anything upon your death if you were to die intestate.

So, planning ahead is vital and it alleviates stress for your nearest and dearest. In your Will you can:

- Set out who will deal with your estate when you are gone
- Include guardianship provisions to detail who you would want to look after your children after you die. The care of children is, of course, a very emotive matter and it can lead to great friction if you do not address the issue
- Set the age at which any children can inherit
- Mitigate any potential Tax liability for your estate
- Set out your funeral wishes, though these guidelines will not be legally binding

Personally, I have found that taking control of what will happen to my estate on my death is empowering. I feel that I have taken an extra step to make things easier for my family when I am not here.

Here at JCP we recommend that you consider reviewing your Will every three years, or when your circumstances change. As you reach different milestones in life, such as when you purchase a property, have children, or get married, your wishes may change.

The harsh reality is that no matter our age, none of us know what is around the corner and knowing that a Will is in place can give you piece of mind that your wishes will be carried out when you are not here. We need to shatter the misconception that Wills are for older people in our society, so we plan for our families now.

For tailored legal advice on Wills or other aspects of Lifetime Planning, call Rebecca on: **01446 771 742**, or email: **Rebecca.seldon@jcpsolicitors.co.uk**

New season starts at Vale Photographic Club

ABOVE: Helsinki Blues by Patrick Davies.

RIGHT: Leading the Peloton by Nick Craddock

THE new season is well and truly underway at the Vale Photographic Club, with October proving to be a very busy month.

At the first meeting of the month, members enjoyed a presentation from the nationally-renowned photographer Margaret Salisbury. Margaret travelled from north Wales to show us her images from 37 countries.

The first competition of the season had more than 60 mages entered in categories for colour, mono prints and projected photographs.

Top marks in the colour print section went to 'Tŵr Mawr Lighthouse' by Mike Davies and 'Over The Jump' by Nick Craddock. Mike Davies also took top spot in the Mono print section for 'Morning Coffee'. Top honours in the project image section went to Patrick Davies with 'Helsinki Blues', and Nick Craddock with 'Leading The Peloton', an image from the recent cycle race in and around Cowbridge.

Gareth Martin also visited the club and invited everyone to browse his latest collection of work. Gareth has been a prolific photographer since 1979 and has set up several clubs in south Wales over the years. He sees images in what most of us would think to be mundane, whether it's a bleak landscape or the interior of a building, yet still manages to capture the mood.

To round off the month, watercolour artist Hilary Nicholas from Pentyrch Art Group stepped in at short notice with her painting and drawing skills. It was a fascinating evening and showed how closely the two interests align, particularly in composition. Members also learned how using a limited palette of colours could also improve their photography.

The Vale Photographic Club meets at 7.30pm on Friday evenings at Ystradowen Village Hall; guests are most welcome.

Dog of the Week

TYE is a handsome eight-year-old Shar Pei who has tons of personality and has lots of love to give.

He does need slow introductions when meeting new people, but with some tasty treats, he soon becomes your friend. Tye is still learning how to socialise with dogs here at the rehoming centre, so new owners will need to continue with his training once in a home. Due to this, he will be better suited as the only dog in the home.

Tye is looking for an adult-only home with owners who have dog experience. He is housetrained and can be left for a few hours during the day providing he has something to keep him occupied like a stuffed Kong. Tye is a super boy and once his personality shines through, he is a proper little character.

For more information on Tye, please visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or give us call on 01656 725219. You can also visit our website at www.dogstrust.org.uk

Top tips for helping your pooch on fireworks night

WITH Diwali and fireworks night coming up, the Kennel Club is warning pet owners to be extra vigilant: statistics show 71% of owners' details on microchipping databases are inaccurate.

Since compulsory microchipping was introduced in 2016 approximately 90% of dogs are now microchipped, but apparently only 29% of dogs have microchips with accurate contact details; should a pet go missing on fireworks night and be subsequently found and scanned, the reunification process won't work.Jacquie Easton of Kennel Club said: "Dogs can react very badly to the unfamiliar sights, sounds and even smells that are common on fireworks night – research shows that 40% of dogs are scared of fireworks and this can result in them behaving unpredictably.

Tips for fireworks night include:

Do ensure your pet is microchipped and that your details are up to date.

Keep a collar and ID tag on your dog, just in case they do accidentally escape.

Acclimatise your dog to noises prior to the big night: there are many 'noise' CDs on the market which give you the opportunity to introduce your dog to a variety of potentially disturbing sounds in a controlled manner. Seek help from an experienced animal behaviourist: if your pet is severely noise phobic, sound CDs may make the situation worse. Make a safe den for your dog to retreat to if it feels scared; provide an unwashed piece of clothing so that your dog can smell your scent, and feel comfortable. Distract your dog from the noise by having the TV or the radio switched on, but try to act and behave as normal, as your dog will pick up on any odd behaviour. Feed your dog a while before you expect any disturbances, as once the fireworks start your dog may be too anxious to eat, and walk your dog before dusk. Bear in mind the smell of fireworks might also be distressing for your dog.

Make sure you shut all doors and windows in your home and don't forget to draw the curtains. This will block out any scary flashes of light and reduce the noise level of fireworks – and don't forget to block off cat flaps.

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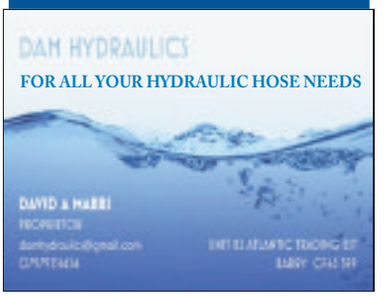

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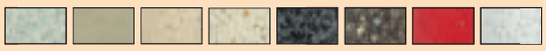

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Topstak hosts exhibition of work by 'iconic' painter of Welsh landscapes

A LOCAL business is holding a special event to remember a well-known local painter.

Stan Rosenthal established a considerable reputation while living in Cowbridge – a reputation that has grown since his death in 2012.

Lynda Pederson of Topstak told The GEM: "We are advertising the event as a 'Paintings, Prints and Drinks' in our Cowbridge showroom at Llandow on Thursday, November 7, from 5pm to 8pm.

"Some of his artwork will remain on show for a few weeks after the special evening. Among the artwork we will be including originals, some of which will be brought along by his widow Nicky who has recently moved back to Penarth. She will be here to discuss his work and answer any questions people may have. Much of the work will be of local scenes and of west Wales.

"Stan Rosenthal lived and painted in many parts of Wales, including Cowbridge, Cardiff and St David's.

"Stan's limited edition prints and original paintings are highly regarded by collectors worldwide and also here in Wales.

"In fact, Her Majesty the Queen has his work in the Royal Collection and there are examples in the National Assembly for Wales, the European Parliament buildings and the British consulate in Mongolia.

"We have a comprehensive selection of his signed limited editions prints priced from £20 to £400 and works by John Brunsdon and other well-known artists.

"We also have copies of his well-known book, *Approaches to Art,* which shows much of his work."

Mel (75) is a triple medal winner!

Pictured is 75-year-old Mel James from Coytrahen showing off his three well-earned medals

A COYTRAHEN man is celebrating the most successful year of his running career – at the age of 75!

What's more, although most athletes move up to longer distances as they grow older (Sir Mo Farah moving up to the marathon, for instance) Mel James has gone in the opposite direction.

Mel told The GEM: "I have competed for the Les Croupiers club since 1981, and am a former long/middle distance athlete turned sprinter.

"I now concentrate on the 100m, 200m and 400m events. Besides competing in the Welsh Masters leagues this season, I have picked up medals, guesting in the Midland and VAC Championships, leading me into my three gold medals in the Welsh Masters Championships (100m,200m and 400m).

"This took me on to the British Masters Championships, where I picked up a 100m silver, 200m bronze and 400m gold. I then competed in the European Masters Championships in Jesolo Italy, where I was chosen for the Great Britain and NI relay teams.

"At that event, I won a bronze in the male 75 4x100m team (breaking the current British relay record) and silver in the male 75 4x400m team, also breaking the current British relay record."

It goes without saying that Mel believes strongly in the benefits of exercise, and running in particular.

To encourage others to benefit as he has, he acts as secretary for the British Masters Athletic Federation (BMAF) Cross Country.

To attract younger people to running, Mel also organises the Bridgend Primary Schools Cross Country League.

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Outstanding officers praised at South Wales Police awards ceremony

ABOVE: PC Lucy Barry accepting her award.
BELOW: PC Adam Robertson being given his gong.

Members of the Multi-Agency Suicide Review and Response Group picking up their award.

ABOVE: Special Inspector Madeleine Clements picking up her award.
BELOW: PC Stephen Powell receiving his accolade.

SOME of Bridgend and the Vale's finest police officers and staff were among those honoured at an awards ceremony recently.

More than 45 finalists were recognised for their work in 15 categories at South Wales Police's annual TeamSWP Awards held at Cardiff City Hall on October 23.

The awards give the force a change to celebrate officers, members of staff and volunteers who have gone above and beyond in their commitment to keeping south Wales safe.

PC Lucy Barry picked up the Exceptional Service to People award after her quick thinking saved an 18-months-old girl's life.

She was taking a statement from a member of the public when a neighbour came running in with the unresponsive toddler in her arms.

PC Barry, who is based in Bridgend, administered first aid, ensuring the child was breathing again by the time paramedics arrived.

The Community Shrievalty Award was won by PC Stephen Powell, who works in Barry, for his commitment and passion as a neighbourhood beat manager.

Described by the person who nominated him for the award as "part of the fabric of the Barry Island community", he is responsible for planning and coordinating policing operations for some of the town's biggest events.

Bridgend-based PC Adam Roberts scooped the Learner of the Year Award. Despite being in his probationary period, he was described as his nominator as "one of the best officers I have ever supervised."

PC Roberts' work ethic and commitment to going above and beyond was also recognised by other departments.

Special Inspector Madeleine Clements won the Extra Mile for Volunteers Award after dedicating 28 years to volunteering as a special for the force, in addition to her full-time work in a number of staff roles including witness care manager and bail manager.

Her voluntary work has been the Special Inspector and her team earn Lord Ferrer's Awards for their efforts in stamping out anti-social behaviour in Bridgend.

She has also been invited to 10 Downing Street to meet with the Prime Minister and Home Secretary to discuss the future of neighbourhood policing.

The Multi-Agency Suicide Review and Response Group picked up the Police and Crime Commissioner Partnership gong.

Based in Bridgend and made up of a number of health and local authority partners alongside South Wales Police, the collaborative has worked tirelessly to raise awareness of mental health issues and vulnerability in the community.

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Vale dairy farmer Abi honoured by FUW for services to agriculture (not to mention Cows on Tour)

EVERY year, the Farmers Union of Wales recognises an individual who has made a great contribution towards the development of the dairy industry.

This year, the union is proud to honour Vale of Glamorgan dairy farmer Abi Reader with the Outstanding Service to the Welsh Dairy Industry award. Farming alongside her father and uncle, Abi is a partner in the family business in the Vale; the farm is a mixed holding: Abi has the primary responsibility for the dairy herd operation. Her confidence in the dairy sector has been reinforced by the recent installation of a new dairy unit, which comprises a new milking parlour, cattle handling system, and a viewing gallery to host school children to see the workings of a Welsh dairy farm. But her involvement goes beyond the farm gate and began during the DairySOS campaign in 2012.

Her passion and drive for the industry shone through as she featured on various media broadcasts, explaining the plight dairy farmers faced at that time. She is keen to sell the farming story to children and the wider general public; Abi is a prominent committee member of the livestock section of the Vale of Glamorgan County Show. Through her involvement with Open Farm Sunday, she was approached by a local farmer's son to take up the challenge of teaching children in an inner-city school, the 'farm to fork' story. Never one to turn down a challenge, Abi spearheaded a team of 15 Glamorgan farmers and took the campaign to 300 school children at Pakeman Primary School, Holloway, London. The trip became known as #CowsOnTour.

Cows On Tour has gone from strength to strength and this year it culminated in a week-long tour of schools around Wales. To raise the profile, Abi and her colleagues took a full-size model of a dairy cow with them and the Cow went to Dan Yr Ogof caves, up Snowdon, and down the zip wire in Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Cows on Tour raised £2,500 for RABI and the mental health charity DPJ Foundation in 2019.

Farming Matters
by Rachel Saunders

IT'S the end of October and by now we were supposed to have clarity on our exit from the European Union – but speculation as to how, when and if is futile: so instead of hypothesising as to what will happen or not, let's talk about our dairy industry.

This week marked the 31st Welsh Dairy show and I hope that everyone who stopped by our stand enjoyed some warming cawl and plenty of #farmingmatters chats.

There is such enthusiasm for our sector, whether it is dairy, beef, sheep, chicken or pork, and that's why it saddens me that we keep coming under attack from those who perhaps don't really understand what happens on farms across Wales.

The dairy industry continues to find itself at the centre of negative public attention, with much anti-farming sentiment being expressed by various vegan and animal rights organisations.

The rise of both veganism and plant-based dairy alternatives cannot be ignored, so as the campaign against dairy becomes louder, let me say this: our animal health and welfare standards are amongst the best in the world – that is indisputable.

The ban on the use of the term 'milk' for certain plant-based alternatives was a step in the right direction, but we must ensure that the UK adheres to this decision after we leave the EU.

We must also continue to make sure that consumers are not misled by inaccurate labelling or extremist information. To that end, we will continue to fly the flag for our dairy farmers here in Wales and continue to take a proactive stance, shouting about why our dairy industry is the best.

With the future of farming likely to change dramatically over the coming months and years, I am concerned about what will happen, not just to the dairy industry here in Wales, but to agriculture across the UK.

The fragility of the current Welsh dairy supply chain has never been more demonstrable, with the recent loss of a major dairy processor in Wales. Indeed, the current imbalance of power in the dairy supply chain renders our producers extremely vulnerable.

The future looks uncertain but I can assure you the FUW will continue to highlight why Farming Matters and we will continue to fight the corner for the farmers of Wales.

Rachel Saunders

Email your stories and photos to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

BARUC Art Group weekend exhibition

BARUC Art Group's 45th annual exhibition was held on October 26–27 and was voted an outstanding success.

The high standard of the group's artwork was widely praised by visitors.

The friendly local Barry Art Group meets on Fridays (9am-12 noon) at All Saints Church Hall, Park Road, Barry.

There are demonstrations and study days by local professional artists. The Group also has en plein air painting days (with lunch) – another recognised way of improving painting skills in settings such as Sully and Porthkerry Park.

For further information, contact Lin Learner (secretary) on 01446 722243.

Cardiff and Vale Third Sector funding – ideas for improving quality of life are wanted!

THE Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership has allocated £100,000 funding from the Welsh Government's Integrated Care Fund (ICF), to support new Third Sector community activities and services in Cardiff and the Vale.

The Third Sector Capital Investment Fund is managed and administered by Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) and is open for applications; the deadline for submissions is 12pm on Friday, November 15.

This fund supports proposals which improve the quality of life for people in Cardiff and the Vale, promoting health and wellbeing and supporting engagement and participation in the communities in which they live. The funding is focused on the following areas: older people with complex needs and long term conditions, including dementia; people with learning disabilities; children at risk or with complex needs due to disability or illness, and carers, including young carers. Organisations can apply for a maximum of £20,000. There is no minimum.

The funding could be used, for example: as start-up costs for new groups, activities or services; for materials to support the provision of, or piloting of new or additional services; to support the setting up of a lunch club, sport club, exercise class, carer support, neighbour care, or a small scale community befriending service in response to a need; or for re-ablement and rapid response services to better meet demand. Examples of capital expenditure might include the following: improving access to services; housing adaptation equipment such as ramps and rails; IT equipment; refurbishment of Third Sector service provision; kitchen equipment for lunch clubs etc. Application forms are available from GVS, Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry, CF62 9DA; 01446 741706; e-mail: enquiries@gvs.wales website: www.gvs.wales.

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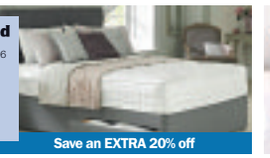

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Out & About with The GEM

Folk music in Llantwit Major

LLANTWIT Major Tune Club is a group of local amateur musicians who meet regularly to learn, practise, perform and promote traditional Welsh folk music.

They have been entertaining with their music on the second Thursday of every month at The Old Swan for the past eight years.

On November 16, there will be a concert featuring Guto Dafis and Daniel Kilbride on melodeon and guitar in the atmospheric St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major at 7.30pm.

Guto will recount a couple of Glamorganshire folk tales and sing some songs collected from the manuscripts of antiquarian Iolo Morganwg who rediscovered the 'Samson Pillar' in The Galilee Chapel.

Tickets are available from Nickelby's Bookshop in Llantwit Major, from St Illtud's Church Office (01446 792439), or on the door at £8 each, or £5 for under 16. **SK**

Penarth Aviation Club

ON Friday, November 1 the Penarth Aviation Society will meet in the Penarth Conservative Club for 8pm.

This month, Ivor Griffiths is the speaker who has had an extensive career as a helicopter pilot stretching over some 40 years.

Visitors and potential members are welcome to attend for a small donation.

For further information, visit www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk, see www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk or contact secretary Martin Parry on 02921 254776.

Enfys Craft Fair

THE next Enfys Craft Fair will take place on Saturday, November 2 at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry.

There are only two fairs before Christmas; don't miss them as there are many beautiful and unusual gifts to be found that cannot be found elsewhere. The fair has free entry and is open between 10am and 4pm.

Five jewellery crafters, Christmas cakes, puppets for children, wooden products, knitted items, beautiful children's clothes – so much to choose from.

The November charity is the Barry branch of The British Legion. For more information, call Reg on 01446 792149 or Patricia on 01656 880784.

Tondu Community AGM

ALL are welcome to attend the AGM of the Tondu and Aberkenfig Community Association on Wednesday, November 6 at the Parish Rooms, Bryn Road, Ynysawdre, commencing at 7pm.

Many local issues will be raised, including the latest news regarding Llanmoor's development of the land to the west of the Maesteg Road. Nominations of officers to be received by October 31 or on the night.

For a nomination form, email: contact@tonduaberkenfigca.co.uk

Coffee and folk music

A COFFEE morning will be held at St Tyfodwg's Church, Glynogwr on Saturday, November 9 from 10am until 1pm.

In addition to a warming cup of tea or coffee and home-made cakes, there will be table top items to include ideas for Christmas and an opportunity to purchase locally produced honey.

A musical interlude will be provided by the folk group Shenanigans.

Flower Arrangers

THE Cowbridge Flower Arrangers Club invites everyone to a demonstration by Kathryn Lee on 'A Christmas Theme,' complemented with mulled wine and mince pies.

The event takes place at Cowbridge Town Hall on November 6 at 7.30pm. Doors open 6.30pm; guests £7.

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COWBRIDGE Amateur Dramatics Society presents *Season's Greetings* by Alan Ayckbourn from November 6 to 9.

Doors and Jim's Bar open 7pm, curtain 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 available by calling Peggy on 01446 773167, or from WG Davies newsagents on Cowbridge High Street.

Pies and Puzzles

THE 11th century church of St Donat's is in urgent need of repairs and there will be a fundraising evening of quizzing, with pie and chips supper (vegetarian option available) at St Illtyd's West Church on Friday, November 8 at 7pm.

Tickets £12 single, £20 double – MUST be bought in advance from Nickleby's bookshop, the parish office or from church members. The evening starts at 7pm with a glass of fizz, and there will be ice cream and a 'dry' bar of non-alcoholic beer and cider. You are welcome to bring your own wine for which a modest donation will be welcome.

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On Tuesday, November 5 at 10am, 'Crywydro: Roedd Sisley Yma! – a bilingual walk, starting at Cliff Parade car park, Penarth, CF64 5BP.

On Wednesday, November 6 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park. Also on November 6 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside Llantwit Major town hall. On Thursday, November 7 at 10.30am, the Living With Cancer Strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

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Gwanwyn, run by Age Cymru, focuses on projects that adopt an innovative approach to encouraging older people to take part in arts and creative activity.

Applicants are encouraged to think about ways in which their groups can offer something unusual, new or challenging.

Groups are asked only to apply for the sum of money that is absolutely necessary for their activity.

This will enable the festival to maximise the number of groups it is able to support.

If you are planning an event that requires more support than the community grant scheme offers, applicants are asked to contact Gwanwyn to explore other potential sources of support.

Similarly, if your event does not need financial support you can still let Gwanwyn know as your project may still benefit from being associated with Gwanwyn and in particular its listings service.

To apply for funding, complete the application form at gwanwyn.org.uk/cyllid-funding/

The deadline for submission is December 6.

Out & About with The GEM

Reading group celebrates milestone 21st birthday

THE Cowbridge U3A reading group one held their monthly meeting at De Clare Lodge to celebrate their 21st birthday.

The group was formed by Norah Davies who has been their leader for almost 20 years.

Over the years they have read over 250 books. They meet monthly in each other's homes, and the number is limited to ten people.

With coffee, views are aired on the book chosen by members and often lead to other interesting discussions.

Members of U3A are always willing to help new groups get started.

The main monthly meetings of U3A are held on the second Wednesday at 2pm in Cowbridge Town Hall, and guests are very welcome; why not come along?

Pictured above (from left) are: Joy Rees, Norah Davies, Barbara James, Lesley Busher, June Greaves, Jane Foley , Isabel Jeffreys, Glenda Evans and Frances Rees. Isabel and Frances are residents of De Clare Lodge.

All that glitters is gold

ANTIQUES in Wales is launching the latest venue at Cottrell Park Golf resort in St Nicholas on Sunday, November 3.

You will find an interesting array of antique items: from a pair of 18th century rock crystal table chandeliers, antique jewellery from quality jewellers and in particular, an art deco item of jewellery – a stunning diamond and emerald ring.

The quality of some original signed Russian papier mache and hand painted boxes is breathtaking.

We also have dealers who specialise in sporting memorabilia, small items of furniture and quality crystal glass, porcelain artefacts, curiosities and all things weird and wonderful.

Local fairs are always a lovely informal way to spend an indulgent weekend off, and our exhibitors at Cottrell Park have been hand picked for variety and quality.

We all need to shop local, and our antiques dealers are passionate professionals who love their trade. Amidst the uncertainty of Brexit and climate change, exhibitors at Antiques in Wales are the stalwarts of face-to-face, good, old fashioned, real shopping.

We need some good news and although there are many reasons to be concerned in these uncertain times, there are some developments that may show us some glimmers of hope in the antiques trade.

Will climate change combined with Brexit mean that all second hand items and antiques are a purchase of necessity, not just choice? Will the increasing price of gold mean that antique jewellery purchases are a sound investment?

Come and find out from 10am-4pm at Cottrell Park (early bird Trade entry from 9am).

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Film night at library

ON Monday, November 11, Llantwit Major library is showing the film *Colette* starring Kiera Knightley.

Colette is pushed by her husband to write novels under his name but she fights to make her talents known, challenging gender norms. The date of the showing has been changed because of Bonfire Night.

Tickets £3 can be purchased from Llantwit Major library now. The doors open at 7.15pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. We only have 45 seats, so purchase your tickets early to avoid disappointment!

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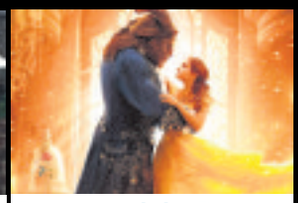

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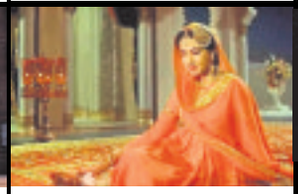

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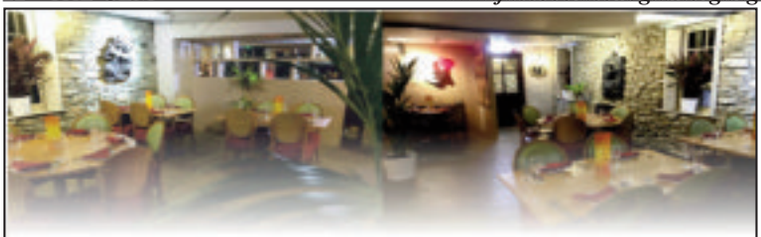

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The office party is, of course, something of a festive tradition, as staff are rewarded for a year of hard work with a rare chance to let their hair down (with the qualified approval of the boss!)

But planning it can be a very stressful assignment for those staff members handed the onerous task of organising an office get-together that is fraught with pitfalls for the unwary.

There is so much to plan and consider, all subject to scrutiny from on high; not least the catering on a tight budget, choosing suitable music and entertainment and transforming the workplace environment into a venue fit for the festive occasion; all the while praying that nothing will go wrong and no tipsy revellers disgrace themselves on the day to incur the ire of the boss!

Why not cut out all the stress and anxiety at a stroke and let the professionals take the strain – by celebrating outside the office this year?

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Slimming World consultant is 'inspired' by meeting its founder

Helen Waite (second left) with Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE (fourth left) and other SW consultants.

A WEIGHT-loss consultant is celebrating after attending a national slimming event hosted by the founder of Slimming World, Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.

Helen Waite was one of 500 guests from across the UK who attended the event in Nottingham held to celebrate Slimming World's 50th golden birthday year.

Helen, a consultant for the Rhoose, Llantwit Major and St Athan Slimming World groups, said: "To have had the opportunity to meet Margaret and listen to her was inspirational.

"There's no doubt the insight will enable me to improve the support I give to everyone who attends my Slimming World group each week."

Like all Slimming World Consultants, Helen lost seven stone at a group and knows how valuable group support can be. Consultants receive in-depth training from the Slimming World Academy to help give their members the support they need to make long-term changes to improve their health and wellbeing, as well as passing their new habits on to their family.

Training includes the role of healthy eating and activity in weight management.

It also includes training in how to help members to lift the guilt and shame they may feel as a result of struggling with their weight to form healthy lifestyle habits.

To join Helen's groups, go along or give Helen a call or text on 07968 355119.

Pensioners take fight to Parliament

COACHES packed full with women fighting to reverse changes to their pensions will set off from south Wales next month and head to London for a major protest.

Hundreds of women from all corners of the UK are expected to take part in a rally at Westminster after the government equalised state pensions for men and women.

Some of the women, born in the 1950s, claim the equalisation has left them facing financial hardship.

They say that the changes were made with little or no warning, meaning they could not alter their retirement plans.

Campaigners argued in a court case that the move was discriminatory, but senior judges recently ruled against them.

Barry resident Kay Clarke, founder member of 1950s Women of Wales and Beyond, will be one of the many protesters heading to London on November 5 to "send a message to parliament that we are not going away."

Kay Clarke told The GEM: "Well after the devastating result of the judicial review we have picked ourselves up, brushed ourselves down, and have started all over again.

"The Women of Wales have organised another rally in Westminster where we plan on stopping traffic once again in our own special way."

Ms Clark added: "A coach will travel along the M4 and join many others from campaign groups WASPI, We Paid In You Pay Out and Pension Reformers United, to name but a few, and from all over the UK from Scotland to Cornwall.

"We are hoping to find help towards the cost of travel as many of our members are without income.

"An appeal has been made to local unions, but our fight for justice will see many going without in order to get themselves to the rally and join their fellow pensionless pensioners in an attempt to be heard."

Anyone interested in joining the group on the coach should email clarkesblaujager@hotmail.com.

It's not rocket science… be safe this Hallowe'en and Bonfire Night

HALLOWE'EN and bonfire night are traditionally some of the busiest times of year for our fire crews.

Last year, between October 26 and November 6, the fire service attended 232 deliberate fires – a 22% decrease on the previous year. They would like to keep this number decreasing, as attending firework and bonfire misuse incidents can cost lifesaving minutes in firefighters getting to incidents such as road traffic collisions or house fires. Fireworks can be spectacular, but they are dangerous and can cause serious injury if handled irresponsibly. If you are looking to enjoy fireworks this year, why not go to a safe, organised public display?

If you are purchasing fireworks, remember:

Make sure all fireworks comply with approved standards and regulations; Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks; Keep fireworks in a closed box and always follow the instructions carefully when using them; Light them at arm's length using a taper and stand well back; Never go back to them once they are lit. Even if a firework hasn't gone off, it could still explode; Never throw fireworks and never put them in your pocket; Respect your neighbours – don't let off fireworks late at night and remember there are laws to follow; Take care with sparklers – never give them to children under five. Even when they have gone out they are still hot, so put sparklers in a bucket of water after use; Keep your pets indoors throughout the evening.

Bonfires can also be a fire risk, so the fire service recommends looking for alternative ways to get rid of your waste, but if you do have a bonfire, make sure you follow these safety tips:

Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges; Never use flammable liquids to start a bonfire and never burn dangerous items such as aerosol cans, paint tins, foam furniture or batteries; Always keep buckets of water or a hosepipe nearby in case of fire; Don't leave bonfires unattended. An adult should supervise it until it has burnt out. If it has to be left, damp it down with plenty of water; Check the area to make sure there is no wildlife or pets hiding nearby.

At Hallowe'en, use battery powered lights instead of candles in your pumpkin lantern, especially if you are holding a children's party. Please also ensure you buy fancy dress outfits that are labelled with the approved standards and regulations.

Head Fire Crime and Home Safety, Group Manager Neil Davies said: ""We attend many unsupervised fires and injuries caused by fireworks and out of control bonfires. The safest thing you can do is attend an organised display. Fireworks and bonfires are a lot of fun, but it's very important to be cautious. Acting irresponsibly around fires and fireworks can have devastating consequences, can cause life threatening injuries and can even cost lives."

If you are planning on having a supervised bonfire, notify Joint Fire Control on 01268 909 408 or for more advice and guidance, www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/your-safety-wellbeing/.

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'Trailing Clouds of Glory' – a must for Welsh football fans

HARDCORE Wales football fans talk of the 1958 squad that included Ivor Allchurch and Mel and John Charles and made it to the quarter-finals of the World Cup.

But what about the boys of 1976? Wales' unsung success in the 1976 European Championships is finally celebrated in a new book by Nick Burnell – *Trailing Clouds of Glory: Welsh Football's Forgotten Heroes of 1976* which fêtes the success and achievement of a group of people who restored pride in the Welsh football jersey.

The book is also the Books Council of Wales' Book of the Month for November 2019.

Llantwit Major Football Club played a part in the development of this book as scenes were filmed in the home team dressing room where author, Nick Burnell, interviewed Dave Roberts about his memories of that era.

It was decided by Nick that the best option was to use the information gathered in the filming as a starting point to writing a book about that era in Welsh football.

It was a time which Burnell describes as less complicated, "before the onset of 24-hour saturation coverage and millionaire journeymen players.

"A time before football was 'invented' in 1992, where television and radio closed down when there was nothing more to say, and when footballers looked to the future by doing their coaching badges or searching for local pubs that needed new landlords.

A time before VAR, podcasts and the gaudy vulgarity of the Premier League, when you'd stand and watch the game in front of you for 90 minutes rather than film it on your mobile phone."

Although 2016 and 1958 are legendary, the period following Mike Smith's appointment as manager on the heels of yet another failure to qualify for a World Cup in 1974 has largely been forgotten.

Trailing Clouds of Glory is based on extensive research and Nick Burnell has used contemporary press reports and surviving TV match footage, as well as recollections collected during interviews with some of the protagonists themselves.

The book also paints a vivid picture of the 1970s, taking a nostalgic and humorous look at the decade and its foibles – including a look at the news headlines of the time, and one truly surreal real-life event involving The Bay City Rollers, Tony Blackburn and a Womble.

Trailing Clouds of Glory: Welsh Football's Forgotten Heroes of 1976 by Nick Burnell is available now.

Send your stories and photos to us by emailing editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk

Wales contingent of Team UK unveiled for 2020 Invictus Games

EIGHT men and women from Wales have been selected as part of the 65-strong team of wounded, injured and sick (WIS) military personnel and veterans selected to represent the UK at the 2020 Invictus Games and three are from the Bridgend and Vale areas.

Rob Bugden (34) from Sigingstone; Bruce Falkenberg (42) from Maesteg and Nathan Huddy (39) from Llantwit Fardre will join teammates from across Wales. The team will be supported by Help for Heroes Wales and Hereford Sports Recovery coordinator Nick Vanderpump from Bridgend.

Invictus UK is delivered by a partnership comprising The Ministry of Defence, Help for Heroes and The Royal British Legion and BAE Systems are proud sponsors of Team UK for the first time. The athletes – 89% of whom have never taken part in an Invictus Games before – will undergo training camps delivered by Help for Heroes to ensure they are best prepared for the international sporting competition next year.

Corporal Rob Bugden joined the RAF in 2008 as a Physical Training Instructor and qualified as a parachute jumping instructor. He was left paralysed after his parachute got tangled with another jumper after a mid-air collision in 2016. He said: "I entered the RAF as a sportsman and taking part in the Invictus Games means I would be leaving as one still. Despite injury I can still compete, be active and importantly still be the same person I've always been, which is vital for my mental recovery."

Bruce Falkenberg is a former soldier from Zimbabwe, who signed up to the British Army in 2000. Nerve damage and a series of injuries to his feet caused complications which resulted in Bruce having below the knee amputations of his legs in 2013 and 2015. Following his medical discharge from the Royal Regiment of Wales, Bruce settled in Maesteg. He said: "No man is an island, and this experience will serve to help me make new friendships, ignite a good team spirit where I can and reap the rewards of networking and team working to enhance my road to recovery and rehabilitation."

Nathan Huddy is a former RAF Regiment Gunner who, while serving in Iraq in 2003, was involved in a landmine blast seriously injuring his left foot and he suffered severe shrapnel wounds. In 2017, he suffered a stroke and his mental health spiralled downwards: unable to shower, feed or tie his shoelaces for himself. Watching the Invictus Games in 2018, he was inspired to contact Help for Heroes and said it was like "a switch being flicked inside his head."

The team will compete in nine sports: athletics, archery, wheelchair basketball, cycling, powerlifting, indoor rowing, wheelchair rugby, swimming, and sitting volleyball. They will train from now until May as part of Help for Heroes' Sports Recovery programme to train and develop the team. Nick Vanderpump, who will be supporting the team, said: "I've seen the difference community sports recovery has played in the lives of the men and women who will be taking part in this inspirational event. Even when someone is affected by illness or injury, sport is incredibly powerful in bringing people together and giving them purpose in life."

Invictus UK is delivered by a partnership comprising Help for Heroes, The Ministry of Defence, and The Royal British Legion.

To get support from Help for Heroes in Wales and Hereford, go to: www.helpforheroes.org.uk/get-support/how-to-access-our-services/recovery-in-wales/ or call 01443 808910.

Rob Bugden (34) from Sigingstone.

Glenn Webbe - a Bridgend RFC legend, an elusive wing, and an elusive character too

ANYONE thinking of buying 'Glenn Webbe - The Gloves Are Off' (published by Y Lolfa) can be reassured that they will get their money's worth.

It's Webbe's story in pretty much his own words, co-written with Geraint Thomas, who played alongside him in the famous blue and white shirts of Bridgend RFC.

He was brought up in Ely, Cardiff, but decided to join Bridgend, and became a 'one club' man.

He loved playing for Bridgend and Bridgend loved him back, and he makes it clear that it wasn't just a rugby relationship.

He values the friends he made and he loved everything about being part of a rugby team - the training, the playing, and the post-match partying!

It's full of anecdotes – some funny, some startling and Webbe's own thoughts on rugby then and now are always interesting.

I emphasise this because the criticisms I do have are minor, but they keep gnawing away at me.

Let's take this tribute to Glenn: "He is bigger than the rugby bubble... He is Yoda with a mean sidestep and a killer sense of timing.... The way he has lived his life gives me the courage of my convictions."

Impressive, but you won't find that tribute to Glenn in this book. They are the words of Gareth 'Alfie Thomas (or possibly his co-writer Michael Calvin) from his 2014 autobiography 'Proud'.

In that book, Alfie identifies Glenn and Bridgend prop forward Ian Greenslade as his two closest friends in rugby. Two friends who looked after him in so many ways.

He says that Glenn, in elder statesman mode, sat him down when he first joined Bridgend and told him he was a future international, and told him what he had to do to get there.

Alfie's emotional turmoil as a result of his sexuality are well chronicled, and Glenn and Ian were there for him, watching his back and looking after him.

Perhaps it is modesty, but you get no sense of this Glenn from his own book. He was an elusive winger, and the private Glenn Webbe is just as elusive in this book.

What you do get is a guy who portrays himself as someone who doesn't spend too much time thinking. This Glenn appears early in the book, when he is selected for Wales Youth to tour South Africa in 1990.

He says that, at the time, he knew nothing about apartheid, and the truth only dawned on him when he and three fellow youth internationals found themselves tables being served while they were ignored.

What jars in this story is a photo in his book, in 1972 at his primary school in Ely, where he is the only black face in a sea of white ones.

What was it like for him? How was he treated by his fellow pupils? Glenn, it appears, has no intention of telling.

To be fair, in Gareth Thomas' book, Alfie says that Glenn has always refused to be defined by his colour. How did Glenn arrive at this world view? He is not saying in this book.

For so much of the book he emphasises the fun side of his rugby life. The practical jokes, the drinking games, the camaraderie.

Only now and again does a story slip through that indicates there is a more determined and principled person at its heart.

For instance, when he and Adrian Hadley are playing youth rugby in Cardiff (for different teams), someone in the know tells them both that, in order to get a Welsh youth cap, they need to move to a more 'fashionable' team.

The two sit down and discuss it, and say no: "If we can't make it on our own terms, then we don't want the cap that much."

They both were awarded their Welsh youth caps – on their own terms.

Later, at the age of about 27, he gets an offer to 'go north' – £80,000. Wales were struggling and quite a flood of players turned to rugby league – Jonathan Davies and John Devereux to name just two. £80,000 is a lot of money now, and it was a lot more then, but Glenn had just started seeing Sally – who became his wife – and he didn't want to jeopardise the relationship.

There is a convention in 'my story' books where people spill their guts and 'open up' about every traumatic moment they can come up with. It's good for publicity and book sales.

You won't find that in this book.

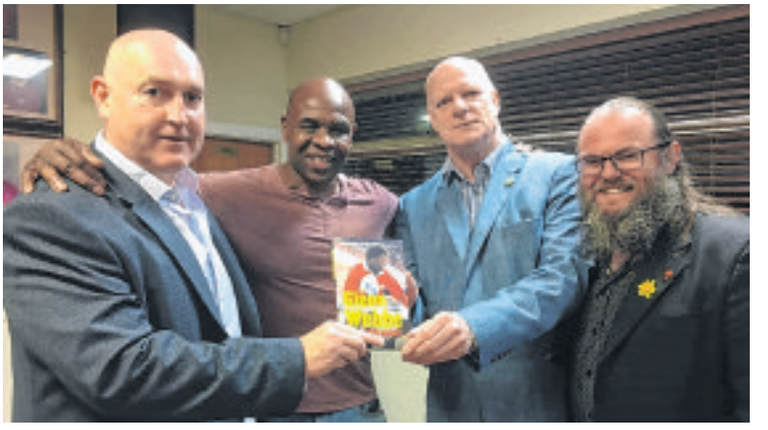
This is Glenn Webbe very much on his own terms.

Finally, one last quibble. Publishers Y Lolfa know their way around the sports book market, so I'm surprised they went with the front cover strap line 'Welsh rugby's first black icon'.

I wouldn't want to say that in Wigan, where they idolise a certain Billy Boston, or in Hull, where Clive Sullivan is another icon. Two Cardiff boys, like Glenn.

It would be good if this book goes to a reprint, and if it does, perhaps it should be 'Welsh rugby union's first black icon'.

PHILIP IRWIN, GEM News Editor



Left to right: Co-author Geraint Thomas, Glenn Webbe, BBC TV's Phil Steele ("another Ely boy") and actor Simon Foster.

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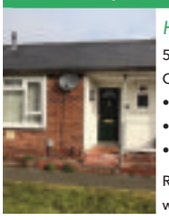

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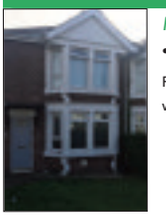

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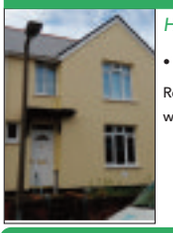

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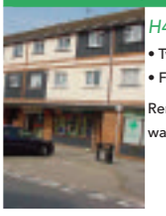

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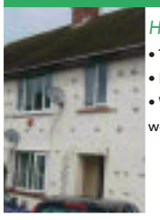

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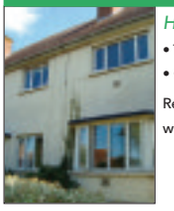

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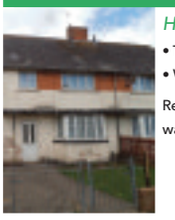

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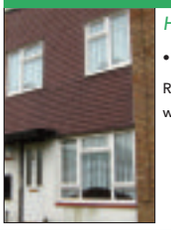

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Edna May

Passed away 16th October 2019 aged 95 years. Beloved wife of the late John, much loved mother of Calvin, cherished grandmother of John and his wife Emma, dearly loved sister of Doris.

Funeral service at James Summers Funeralcare chapel, Roath Court, Newport Road, Cardiff on Friday, 8th November at 1.30pm, afterwards at Barry Crematorium at 3pm.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral home or donations may be made to Age Cymru.

PETERS
Beverley

Bev sadly passed away on 11th October 2019, surrounded by her loving family.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service to be held on Wednesday, 6th November 2019 at Barry Crematorium at 1pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if desired, would be greatly appreciated for the Critical Care Unit at UHW c/o Green Willow Funerals. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE. Tel: 029 2051 4627.

TEAGUE
Gerda Ella

Passed away peacefully at St. David's Hospital, Cardiff on 20th October 2019. Wife of the late William Kenneth, mother to David and the late Julie, grandmother to Lianne, Rebecca and the late Christopher and great grandmother to Jacob and Oliver.

Funeral Service to be held on Friday, 8th November 2019 at Barry Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry CF62 9PX at 12 noon.

No flowers please, but donations would be welcomed for The British Heart Foundation online at www.gerda-teague.muchloved.com or via the Funeral Director. All enquiries to Parkman Funeral Home, 19 Camms Corner, Dinas Powys. CF64 4QY 02922 362101

PEMBER
Alun John Charles

Our family sadly announces the passing of our beloved Alun on 7th October 2019. A loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle & friend.

We will miss your cheeky humour, but cherish our fond memories of you. Finally reunited with his Margaret.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral to be held on Thursday, 21st November at 11am at St Tathan Church, St Athan followed by interment in St Athan Cemetery.

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GAMMON
Philip Hugh

Peaceful at the end after a very long illness. Philip died on 19th October at Holme Towers.

He was at the very heart of his family who were all at his bedside.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Wednesday, 6th November, Service of Rememberance 12.30pm at St Mary's Church, Penmark.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

BILTON
Anthony (Tony)

Suddenly on the 4th September aged 58 years. Loving father, brother and grandfather.

Anthony will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewdd Road Barry until the Funeral Service on Monday, 4th November 11am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, can be made at the service in memory of Tony to Dogs Trust.

MUDFORD
Gordon

Passed away peacefully on Thursday 17th October, Gordon, beloved husband of Brenda.

Much loved father to Lawrence and Haydn. Sadly missed by daughter in laws Jan and Lyn and grandchildren Beth, Rhian, Cariad, Trys, Megan and Owen.

Will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 15th November, Service 12.30pm at All Saints Church, Barry followed by cremation 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the RNLI c/o the funeral director.

Goodman
Kathleen (Kitty) (née Lewis)

Peacefully at Island View Nursing Home on 23rd October 2019, aged 92 Years. Devoted wife of Gerald, loving mother to Michael, Mandy and David, mother-in-law to Andrea, cherished grandma to Nicole and James, and good friend Roger.

Kitty will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at AG Adams Funeralcare, until the service in our Chapel on Friday, 8th November at 1pm followed by an interment at Barry Cemetery. Family flowers only, donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice at the service.

SHAW
Cheryl (Previously Burbidge)

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of our mum on Sunday 20th October, aged 68 at The University Hospital Of Wales. A doting mum to Rachel & Karen and a much loved mother in law to Jason & Scott, survived by her Mother Marcelle.

She may now rest with her late husband Baz (Shaw Services). She will leave a huge void in the hearts of all her family, friends and neighbours.

Funeral Service to be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, 8th November at 2pm.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made at the service to support The British Heart Foundation in memory of Cheryl.

Funeral Arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis @The Vale Funeral Service 01446 407962

DENNING
Roy Thomas Walter

from Cardiff/Cowbridge. Passed away peacefully at Highwell House Nursing Home, Herefordshire on 23 October, age 91 years. Loving dad to Margaret and Chris, tadcu to Helen and Owain, hen tadcu to Jamie.

Reunited with his beloved wife Sylvia.

Funeral at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff, Thursday, 14 November, 1.30pm. No flowers please, donations in lieu for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust c/o W James & Sons, Fonmon, Barry CF62 3BJ

Acknowledgements

McCORD
Samuel (Mike)

Lyn and family would like to thank everyone for their cards, messages and offers of help, at this sad time.

RICH
Tony

Marian and family wish to thank everyone for attending Tony's funeral service.

Also for the kind messages, cards, flowers and very generous donations.

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Mo, Darren, Bernie, Michelle & Samantha Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren.

WILLIAMS
Duane (MOLE)

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Love from Mum & Dad, Hayley & Tony, Brian, Alyson & all the family. God Bless xxx

Birthdays

Gabrielle Thorne

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4th November

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Happy 60th Birthday

Elaine Seviour

on 31st October

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Penarth bowlers head off for a European competition in Spain

FORTY three members of Penarth Bowling Club assembled earlier this month for a week-long trip to Torremolinos on the sunny Costa del Sol.

Early to bed was not a call made on most nights, and as a result bleary-eyed bowlers were rife at breakfast, particularly as they congregated at 9am for the first of four games.

Santa Maria BC was the venue on a beautiful sunny day. Penarth battled well on a tricky synthetic surface and the ravages of happy hour were evident.

Not one of the seven rinks managed to win, although two rinks went down by only one shot. Sue Croll, Kath Jenkins, Billy Croll and Peter Needham were the better of these two rinks, despite the vociferous complaints of Nick Chandler and his rink. The final result on the day was 86-168 in favour of the home side.

The next day they played at Miraflores Country Club and hopes were high. The margin of defeat was a lesser one, this time by a final score of 84-139.

The improvement was buoyed by securing one winning rink. Nick Chandler, Joan Lewis, Bob Lewis and Jackie Regan bowled superbly to record a 23-8 victory.

The strength of the squad was bolstered somewhat by the arrival of Don Shirley for Monday's game at Lauro BC. He slotted in superbly at third with the John Best rink to record a 18-12 win.

However, the best winning rink score was that skipped by Clive Fry, ably assisted by Chris and Phil Davies and Viv Duckers. They rattled up an impressive 23-15 win. Also on the winning side were June Williams, Alan Stockham, Russel Daniel and skip Jayne Edwards. They led all the way fought out a creditable 13-12 advantage.

The overall result saw a diminishing deficit 94-148. It could have been so much better, but for two rinks suffering heavy defeats.

The final game meant a return to Santa Maria with hopes high for the elusive victory. A further defeat by 83-156 was a disappointment but in no way doused the spirits of the intrepid tourists.

One rink was successful, skipped by John Best with wife June, Nick Chandler and Don Shirley.

The trip was organised by Dave and Maureen Dalby, for which sincere thanks were given at the awards ceremony on the last evening.

Thanks must also go to all the clubs visited for their welcome and to the Costa del Sol for the brilliant weather. **NC**

Barry and District Clubs round-up

THE latest results from the Barry and District Leagues are as follows:

Crib Division 1: Romilly Railway 8, Wyndham Cons 7; Cadoxton Cons 7, Moors Boys 8; West End 11, Liberals 4. League: Romilly Railway 60, West End 54, Moors Boys 52, Cadoxton Cons 50, Rhoose Social 49, Liberals 48, Wyndham Cons 47.

Skittles Division 1: Slammers 5, Rhoose Social C 2; Liberals A 1.5, Liberals C 5.5; Rhoose Social B 3, Barry Town FC 4; Allsorts 6, Barries Boys 1; Rhoosters 0.5, Sea View Exiles 6.5; Rhoose Social A 6, King William XII 1; Cambrian Flyers 1, West End D 6; West End C 2, Rugby Club 5. League: West End D 38.5, Rhoose Social A 37.0, Sea View Exiles 34.0, Rhoose Social C 25.5, Barry Town FC 25.0, King William XII 25.0, Rugby Club 24.5, West End C 24.5, Rhoosters 22.5, Allsorts 22.0, Slammers 22.0, Liberals C 20.0, Rhoose Social B 19.5, Cambrian Flyers 19.0, Barries Boys 16.5, Liberals A 9.5.

Snooker Division 1: Rhoose Social B 2, Wyndham Cons A 3; Harbour B 4, Liberators 1; Penarth Cons B 1, Savoy B 4; Rhoose Social C 0, Penarth Cons A 5; Cadoxton Cons Z 1, West End C 4. League: Savoy B 26, West End C 24, Harbour B 22, Penarth Cons A 22, Cadoxton Cons Z 19, Cadoxton Cons B 17, Wyndham Cons A 14, Rhoose Social B 13, Rhoose Social C 12, *Liberators 8, Penarth Cons B 8.

Snooker Division 2: Sully Sports A 1, Services Social B 4; Market Street B 2, Market Street C 3; Cadoxton Cons A 2, Wyndham Cons D 3; West End A 2, Harbour A 3; West End B 2, Market Street A 3. League: Savoy C 25, Market Street A 24, Market Street C 21,

Services Social B 21, Wyndham Cons D 20, West End A 19, Harbour A 17, West End B 14, Market Street B 12, Cadoxton Cons A 11, Sully Sports A 11.

Latest news from Barry Chess Club

A USUAL week for the Barry Chess Club with two matches in the East Glamorgan League.

At the start of the week there were three teams in division two who had won all of their matches, including the Barry Camelots and the Cardiff AJs; so when these teams met on Monday, at least one of the records would go.

Dave Parsons had a really good win as he had swapped his queen for a rook and a piece. There was also a win for Tom Cooke who, although two pawns down, managed to win a bishop and then a rook. Both of these victories were against players who were rated at least 100 points higher.

There was a solid draw for Matthew Davies and a nice draw for Ken Hannah on his return from a long illness. This gave the Camelots a 3 - 2 win.

Not so good for the Stauntons in division 4: they picked up two points against the league leaders Cardiff Eagles with a default win and Ieuan Thomas took a good win over Paul Meara. The Stauntons are languishing near the bottom of the table but that is understandable given the experience and ratings of the players available.

We also would like to give Ken a big thanks as it was his return match. Steve's loss was a bit of a shock and Matthew had a solid draw. I was two pawns down but managed to get a nice move in to win a bishop and then a rook.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30pm most Mondays at the West End Club, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards;.

For more details visit our website at barrychessclub.yolasite.com. **PJ**

Barry and District Men's Skittles

THE Barry and District Men's Skittles League latest results are as follows:

Division 1: Geest 268 (L Western 28), Billy Whizz 274 (C Alldred 33); Bunker Boys 262 (K Jeynes 29), Merrymen 285 (A Pearce 28); Posties 282 (T Gray 29), Park Lads 258 (S Jones 27); Sea View 330 (R Perry, G Evans, B Watkins 31), 49ers 342 (B Hopkins, G Yarr 37); Willie Wombles 305 (J Parsons, J Kemp, P Taylor 29), Cavaliers 290 (B Stephenson 29); British Rail 259 (R Butt 27), Blue Monkey 257 (C Holland 29).

Points: 49ers 14 25.0, Merrymen 12 21.5, Billy Whizz 10 20.5, Willie Wombles 10 16.0, Blue Monkey 8 25.5, Cavaliers 8 17.0, Bunker Boys 4 17.5, British Rail 4 12.0, Park Lads 4 11.5, Sea View 4 9.5, Posties 2 17.0, Geest 2 12.0.

Division 2: Mighty Dockers 250 (D Morgan, K Enticott 27), Cannon Balls 245 (T Price Snr 27); H Bells 292 (T Cole 29), Park Rangers 271 (P Murphy, S Dite 27); Colcot Boys 265 (K Thomas 30), Exiles 245 (J Jenkins 24); KP Rejects 350 (A Eden, T Dawe, D Stringer 34), Hairy Lemons 336 (G Russell 38); Witchill Poachers 367 (M Copp 35), Barry Park B 338 (P Tanner 34).

Points: Mighty Dockers 12 19.5, Cannon Balls 10 24.0, Colcot Boys 10 21.5, Tynny Lads 10 17.0, H Bells 8 20.5, KP Rejects 8 16.0, Park Rangers 5 18.5, Witchill Poachers 4 15.0, Hairy Lemons 4 13.5, Barry Park B 4 13.0, Castle Boys 3 11.0, Exiles 2 10.5.

Division 3: BP Breakaways 249 (R Bowman 25), Witchill Nomads 249 (K Dobson 27); Cocoa Nuts 280 (M James 30), Billy Flyers 272 (M Knott, L Crump 26); Royalists 285 (M Dee, M Roberts 28), CUD 260 (C Perkins, R Miller 27); Billy Bluebirds 258 (A Dyer 27), Abercrete 251 (D Arnold 26).

Points: Billy Bluebirds 10 13.0, Alternatives 8 18.0, Royalists 8 16.0, Ex Servicemen 8 15.5, BP Breakaways 6 16.5, Cocoa Nuts 6 14.5, Billy Flyers 6 14.0, CUD 3 12.0, Witchill Nomads 1 8.0 Abercrete 0 12.5.

View all results and league tables at www.barryleagues.co.uk.

Tondu Youth knock Pontarddulais off top of the league table

Harri Hobbs breaks free for Tondu.

Morgan Boobyer makes a break for Tondu.

TONDU Youth made a shaky start, going 10-0 down to top-of-the-table Pontarddulais.

Morgan Williams got the Wheelers back into the game after a quick tap to score in the corner. The try was unconverted. Pontarddulais were determined to stay in front and bagged themselves another three points, stretching their lead to 13-5.

Morgan Williams scored again after Tondu were camped on the Pontarddulais try line, spotting a gap and sniping his way over. The try was converted by Jacob Thomas and it was 12-13 to Pontarddulais.

Half time came and Tondu went ahead when Ioan Billingham scored after ploughing his way through Pontarddulais' defensive line, converted by Jacob Thomas to make it 19-13.

Tondu refused to let Pontarddulais score again in the second half and kept their defence impenetrable. Winger Bobby Bromley was next to score as he beat two defenders to get over in the corner. This was not converted and it was 24-13.

Young Ifan Hunnam scored the final try of the match as the space opened up out wide and he was able to get over the line. Final score 31-13.

Report by Joe Allen.

Photographs by James Kaye.

A busy presentation night at Cadoxton Bowls Club

THE presentation of annual trophies for Cadoxton Bowls Club was held at the club pavilion after a superb buffet provided by the lady members, which was much appreciated.

Due to the decisions made by the council in respect of the upkeep of the greens, this could have been the last event at the club. However, the members have decided to carry on and look after the green themselves, so: it became the start of a new venture instead.

In the ladies' trophies Chris Hope had success in four of the singles events: the Championship; Gladys & Cliff Trophy; Lil's Trophy; and Katy's Cup, then the Pairs with partner Bron Powditch, with Jean Tuck and Mary Dare finalists.

The Handicap was won by Jean Tuck against Chris Hope, and in the Novices, Theresa Clarke won against Mary Dare. The men's finals were held over two days in early September with some closely-fought battles, while others were more one-sided. The Championship was a close affair between Jim Stacey and Steve Clarke. The scores were level going into the final end, after an umpire's decision was needed to decide the shot on the penultimate end. The outcome was a win for Jim 21 – 20. They were partners in the pairs, against Eric Palmer and Ian Heppenstall and took a 15-6 lead. However, a strong comeback almost cost them after five losing ends, to end just two up at 16-14.

The Two Bowl was held between Ian Heppenstall and Will Craven. Ian took an early advantage but this was overcome, for Will to lead by two shots with three ends left, in which he was successful, to win 14 – 7. Will Craven had an easier route in the Handicap with a 21 – 7 success against Dave Sluman. Jim Stacey appeared again with John Papoutsou and Kelvin Chedgzoy to win the Triples event against Emlyn Davies, W Craven and Howard Craven by a score of 20 – 13. Emlyn Davies made up for the defeat with a win against Steve Clarke in the Jack Hartman Trophy, for over 60's, with a 22 – 16 margin and finally, Johnny Pap received the Novices Trophy with a walkover as the opposition was not available. The Captain's Cup was presented to Dai Tuck, and the Personality Trophy selected by the members went to Kelvin Chedgzoy.

DK

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Llantwit young footballers show red card to racism

Young Llantwit Major footballers do the right thing.

OCTOBER has been the designated month of action for football clubs across Wales to show their support for the 'Show Racism The Red Card' campaign.

With the recent events in the international game highlighting the issue there was no better time to come together and support the cause.

Although a number of games were cancelled due to waterlogged pitches, teams throughout Llantwit Major JFC took part, encouraging their visiting opponents to join them.

IG

Bridgend Athletic Generals 65 Pyle RFC 7 – Friendly

THE Athletic Generals arrived at Newbridge Fields looking to bounce back with a win, after last week's defeat at Dunvant.

They did so in style running in 11 tries with an emphatic 65-7 victory over neighbours Pyle Pigs. The full squad looked extremely focused through the warm up and brought this positivity into the opening 15 minutes, with tries from Lewis Dando, Josh Seldon and captain Scott Jones, followed with a successful conversion from Liam Phillips.

Pyle reorganised their defence and were disrupting the Athletic as they tried to attack. The visitors were rewarded for their efforts with a try on the half hour mark, which was converted by the outside half. The end of the half saw the Athletic respond to the leadership of Scott Jones and regain control of the game and were rewarded with a try, courtesy of scrum half Nicholas Jones.

The focus of the half time break for the Athletic, was discipline and the need to carry out the basics: soon after the break they started to spread the ball between the forwards and backs, with Josh Seldon, Aaron Mordecai and youth flanker Jack Obbard creating space, which gave the backs many opportunities to score.

After some questionable handling errors, the Athletic scored the first points of the second half with a try from youth winger George Tellem and the expansive rugby continued with the Athletic enjoying a high percentage of possession. This was rewarded with a string of tries from hooker Mathew Greenman, centres Ryan Pickford and Rory Thomas which Pickford also converted.

There was no let up in the dominant Athletic attack and within minutes of Thomas's try another followed for outstanding flanker Josh Seldon, whose commitment to the game was second to none. The Athletic were in cruise control at this point and Nicholas Jones picked up a loose ball and ran from one touchline to the other to score what was eventually a 50m try in the corner.

With two minutes to go, the Athletic did not want to ease off the gas and just before the final whistle winger came, outside half Cameron Lewis found himself in space and galloped in for the Athletics' final try, which Pickford also converted.

Man of the match was shared this weekend between Aaron Mordecai and Josh Seldon. A great result for the Athletic Generals and confidence booster ahead of this week's WRU Conference Central league game with Tondu at Pandy Park.

Selby's title chase is back on track after points win over former champ

ON October 26 in the 02 Arena in London, Barry's former IBF world boxing champion Lee Selby fought Ricky Burns, an ex-world champion, and Selby's win could put him back on the title trail.

Lee edged a majority decision victory over Burns in an action-packed fight that was an evenly matched battle.

The fight was only Selby's second fight at lightweight, having recently freed himself from the rigours of making the featherweight limit. Both men had a lot on the line, with it looking like the end of the road for the loser.

Selby's crisp, sharp punches and skilful defence were enough to secure the decision despite Burn's high work rate. Both boxers had shown respect for each other's achievements on the run up to this fight, but the fight was not without controversy.

At the end of the fifth round, Burns angrily gestured to the referee before punching Selby after the bell, a move that sparked a furious reaction from Selby and his corner. Indeed, both fighters were brought together three times in the middle rounds for a stern 'talking to' by referee Bob Williams.

Both boxers showed their boxing ability, with Burns determined for a win after losing two of his last five fights. Selby had been badly cut above the eye in both of his previous contests, including his 2018 title loss to Josh Warrington in Leeds.

The judges scored 115-115, 116-112, 116-113 to Selby.

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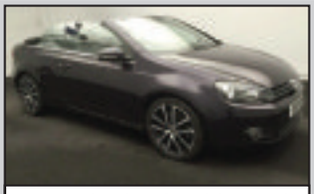

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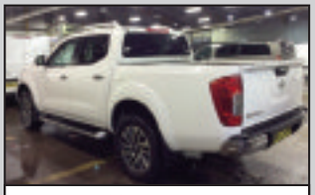

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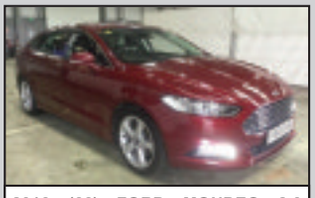

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17 67 BMW 330 D XDrive M Sport 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2020, pro media - sat nav, m sport + pack, head up display, 14k, met grey, full oyster leather **£22495**

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15 65 BMW 420 DXDrive Luxury 2dr Coupe Automatic, sat nav, heated seats, 39k, grey, full leather.....**£15495**

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16 66 BMW 420 D XDrive M Sport Gran Coupe Automatic, m sport plus pack, sat nav, electric glass sunroof, blue, full leather **£19995**

17 17 BMW 420 I XDrive Sport Gran Coupe 5dr Automatic, BMW warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 25k, grey, full leather**£18995**

16 16 BMW 430 D XDrive M Sport Gran Coupe Automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, 19"alloys, black, full leather.....**£16495**

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16 66 BMW X5 3.0 D XDrive M Sport 5dr Automatic (7-Seater), 20"alloys, sat nav, m sport plus pack, 30k, grey, full leather.....**£30995**

17 67 BMW X5 3.0 D XDrive M Sport 5dr Automatic, BMW warranty Nov 2020, 20"black alloys, sat nav, 29k, black, full leather **£31995**

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16 66 HYUNDAI TUCSON 2.0 CRD Premium 4WD 5dr Automatic, Hyundai warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, 19"alloys, 18k, grey, full leather.....**£16495**

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18 68 JAGUAR F-PACE 2.0 D R-Sport 5dr Automatic, Jaguar warranty Oct 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 7k, black, full leather **£30995**

17 67 JEEP CHEROKEE 2.0 MultiJet Limited 5dr 4WD, Jeep warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, 13k, grey, full leather **£16795**

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16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 2.0 MultiJet Longitude 5dr 4WD, sat nav, cruise, dab, orange.....**£9295**

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18 18 KIA SORENTO 2.2 CRDI KX-3 5dr (7-Seater), KIA warranty June 2025, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 8k, black, full leather.....**£25995**

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16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-3 5dr (Facelift), Kia warranty June 2023, sat nav, reverse camera, met blue, full leather **£12995**

16 66 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI First Edition 5dr Automatic 4WD, Kia warranty Sept 2023, sat nav, sunroof, 24k, white, full leather… **£17495**

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17 17 LAND ROVER RANGE ROVER SPORT 5.0 V8 Autobiography Dynamic 5dr Automatic, Land Rover warranty June 2020, stealth pack, sat nav, pan roof, privacy glass, 9k, white, full leather.....**£54995**

16 66 MERCEDES GLE500 E 4Matic AMG Line Premium Plus 5dr 7G-Tronic Automatic, pan roof, Harman kardon, reverse camera, black, full leather.....**£35995**

18 67 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.5 COOPER S E ALL4 PHEV 5dr automatic (Chili pack) Mini warranty Feb 2021, sat nav, 18"black alloys, heated seats, silver, half leather **£21495**

16 66 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 D ALL4 Buisness Edition 5dr, sat nav, cruise, 27k, grey **£12495**

17 17 MINI COUNTRYMAN 2.0 D ALL4 5dr, privacy glass, chilli+tlc pack, 24k, green.....**£15995**

16 66 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 ALL4 3dr Automatic, media pack – sat nav, pepper pack, tlc pack, 7k, silver, half-leather.....**£12995**

14 64 MINI PACEMAN 2.0 SD All 4 3dr, chilli+tlc pack, 18"alloys, 42k, met blue, full leather… **£9495**

16 16 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.6 DCI N-Connecta 5dr 4WD, sat nav, pan roof, reverse camera, 31k, red **£11995**

16 66 VW GOLF 2.0 TSI R 5dr 4WD (300bhp), sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, 30k, black, full leather **£19495**

17 66 VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI BMT 150 SE 4Motion Nav 5dr DSG Automatic, VW warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, 16k, white.....**£19495**

18 68 VOLVO XC60 2.0 D4 R-Design 5dr Automatic AWD, Volvo warranty Oct 2021, sat nav, 19"alloys, 13k, red, half-leather **£27995**

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18 18 AUDI A3 1.6 TDI 116 Sport 4dr Automatic, Audi warranty April 2021, sat nav, heated seats, black **£15495**

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17 67 AUDI A4 AVANT 2.0 TDI Ultra 190 S-Line Estate S-Tronic Automatic, Audi warranty Dec 2020, sat nav, heated seats, 19k, red, half-leather **£19995**

16 66 BMW 116 1.5 D Sport 5dr Automatic, sat nav, heated seats, driver comfort pack, grey, full leather **£10995**

15 65 BMW 118 D Sport 5dr, sat nav, driver comfort pack, pdc, silver, full red leather **£10795**

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16 66 BMW 320 D M Sport 4dr (190bhp), sat nav, 19"alloys, blue, full leather **£15495**

17 67 BMW 320 D M Sport Shadow Edition 4dr Automatic, BMW warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, harman kardon, heated seats, blue, full leather **£16495**

16 66 BMW 520 D M Sport 4dr Automatic, pro media, 19"alloys, m sport plus pack, 26k, choice, full leather, from **£16495**

17 66 BMW i3 94AH with Range Extender 5dr, BMW warranty Jan 2020, pro media – sat nav, 19"alloys, 16k, blue, full leather **£20995**

16 66 BMW X1 2.0 SDrive D M Sport 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, heated seats, black, full leather **£13995**

18 18 BMW X2 2.0 SDrive I M Sport 5dr Automatic, BMW warranty June 2021, sat nav, 19"alloys, pdc, 23k, blue **£23495**

16 66 DS DS3 1.6 BlueHDi Elegance 3dr, cruise, Bluetooth, red **£7295**

15 65 FIAT 500 1.2 Cult 3dr, pan roof, 23k, green, full leather **£5995**

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16 66 FORD FOCUS 1.5 TDCI Titanium X Navigation 5dr Powershift Automatic, Ford warranty Jan 2024, sat nav, reverse camera, 24k, orange **£12495**

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17 17 FORD FOCUS 1.5 TDCI 120 ST-Line 5dr, Ford warranty July 2020, sat nav, dab, Bluetooth, usb, 17k, choice **£10995**

18 18 FORD KUGA 1.5 EcoBoost ST-Line 5dr, Ford warranty April 2021, 19"alloys, reverse camera, 6k, white **£17995**

14 64 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Zetec 5dr, appearance pack, 18"alloys, 45k, red **£8995**

17 17 FORD MONDEO 1.5 T EcoBoost Titanium (X Pack) Estate Automatic, Ford warranty April 2020, 8k, blue, full leather **£16995**

16 16 FORD S-MAX 2.0 TDCI Titanium Sport 5dr Automatic, (7 seater) pan roof, sat nav, 18k, silver **£17995**

17 17 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Eco Zetec Estate, sat nav, cruise, choice **£9795**

16 16 HYUNDAI i30 1.6 CRDI BlueDrive Premium 5dr, Hyundai warranty June 2021, sat nav, 27k, choice, full leather **£9495**

16 66 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRDI BlueDrive Premium 5dr DCT Automatic, Hyundai warranty Oct 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, met grey, full leather **£14495**

17 66 HYUNDAI TUCSON 1.7 CRD BlueDrive SE Nav 5dr, Hyundai warranty March 2022, sat nav, heated seats, reverse camera, choice **£10995**

15 65 JAGUAR XE 2.0 D R-Sport 4dr, sat nav, privacy glass, blue, full leather **£11995**

16 66 JAGUAR XF 2.0 D R-Sport 4dr Automatic, sat nav, Bluetooth, 36k, white, full leather **£16995**

17 67 JEEP RENEGADE 1.6 Multijet Night Eagle II 5dr, Jeep warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, privacy glass, cruise, 29k, white **£12495**

18 68 KIA CEED 1.4 T GDI ISG Blue Edition 5dr, Kia warranty Dec 2025, sat nav, reverse camera, 8k, blue **£15995**

18 18 KIA OPTIMA 1.7 CRDI ISG 2 Estate, Kia warranty May 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, black **£12995**

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18 18 KIA SPORTAGE 1.6 T-GDI GT-Line 5dr 4WD, Kia warranty April 2025, sat nav, dab, 10k, met grey, full leather **£17495**

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18 68 MAZDA 3 2.2 D SPORT Nav 5dr, Mazda warranty Sept 2021, sat nav, headup display, reverse camera, black, full leather **£15495**

16 16 MAZDA CX-3 1.5 D Sport 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, bose, 26k, silver, full leather **£12995**

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15 15 MERCEDES C250 CDI AMG Sport Edition 2dr Coupe Automatic, sat nav, 18"alloys, white **£11495**

17 67 MERCEDES E220 D AMG Line 4dr 9G-Tronic Automatic, Mercedes warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, xenons, 6k, choice **£21995**

16 66 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, Mini warranty Dec 2019, air-con, Bluetooth, aux, usb, 25k, white **£8995**

16 16 MINI CLUBMAN 1.5 6dr Estate, sat nav, chilli + tlc pack, 33k, black, half-leather **£10795**

16 66 MINI CLUBMAN 2.0 D 6dr, sat nav, heated seats, blue, half-leather **£11495**

18 18 MINI COOPER 2.0 S 5dr (190bhp), sat nav, apple carplay, privacy glass, 8k, choice **£13795**

16 66 MINI COOPER 1.5 5dr, chilli pack, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, air-con, aux, usb, choice, 27k **£9995**

17 67 MINI COUNTRYMAN 2.0 S 5dr (189bhp), Mini warranty Oct 2020, sat nav, 18"alloys, 11k, white, half-leather **£18995**

16 66 NISSAN MICRA 1.2 Visia 5dr, Bluetooth, pas, electric windows, blue **£4995**

14 64 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Tekna 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, reverse camera, met red, full leather **£9495**

16 66 NISSAN QASHQAI 1.5 DCI Acenta 5dr, tech pack, smart vision, sat nav, reverse camera, 27k, red **£10995**

16 16 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI N-Tec 5dr (7-Seater), sat nav, Bluetooth, silver **£12495**

17 67 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Acenta 5dr Xtronic Automatic (7-Seater), Nissan warranty Oct 2020, pan roof, cruise, 9k, blue **£14995**

18 67 PEUGEOT 2008 1.2 Pure Tech Allure 5dr, Peugeot warranty March 2021, privacy glass, cruise, 14k, grey, half-leather **£9995**

14 64 PEUGEOT 308 1.6 E-HDI 115 Feline 5dr, sat nav, reverse camera, red **£6795**

17 17 PEUGEOT 3008 2.0 BlueHDI 150 GT-Line 5dr, Peugeot warranty June 2020, sat nav, reverse camera, 30k, blue **£16995**

17 17 RENAULT CLIO 0.9 TCE 90 Dynamique S Nav 5dr (facelift), Renault warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 17"alloys, 11k, blue **£8995**

15 65 RENAULT MEGANE 1.5 DCI GT Line Nav 5dr, sat nav, 18"alloys, Bluetooth, 42k, red, half-leather **£7995**

16 16 SMART FORFOUR 1.0 Prime Premium 5dr, sat nav, pan roof, 23k, red, full leather **£6195**

16 66 SSANGYONG TIVOLI XLV 1.6 D ELX 5dr, Ssangyong warranty Dec 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 19k, white, full leather **£10495**

17 17 TOYOTA YARIS 1.33 VVTI Design 5dr, Toyota warranty April 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, 22k, black **£8995**

16 16 TOYOTA RAV4 2.0 D-4D Active 5dr, Bluetooth, cruise, white **£11995**

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Phoenix beat Whitland in a game marked by yellow cards and injuries

For Pencoed Phoenix, lady of the match was Rhiannon Thomas. (Photograph by Julie Hancock).

PENCOED Phoenix and Whitland Ladies battled it out in a game where Phoenix players left the field due to yellow cards, and Whitland players departed due to injuries.

Early Phoenix scrum dominance created several chances, with Amy Stevens and Emily Hughes going close before Stevens capitalised on another dominant scrum to score half-way out.

Despite being in the ascendancy at forward with the front row of Eleri Harris-Thomas, hooker Jordanne Pulvirenti, and Lowri O'Raw clearly on top, Phoenix were unable to turn their pressure into more points.

There followed a period of indiscipline from the home side, picking up a yellow card and no sooner had Phoenix returned to 15 players, than they picked up another yellow for technical offences.

Following a lengthy first half of some 60 minutes plus, Phoenix only led by 5–0, despite being territorially on top for most of the half.

A lot of home changes saw the visitors winning far more possession early in the second half and sustained pressure in the Phoenix 22 had its reward with a try at the posts, outside half Rosie Davies cleverly kicking through to win the race for the touchdown before adding the conversion.

A third yellow card did not help the Phoenix cause, but with the Whitland ranks now depleted in numbers through injury, Phoenix returned to the attack and Stevens weaved her way over in the corner for her second try and a 10-7 lead.

A fourth home yellow card soon followed, but unfortunately for the Pembrokeshire side their injury woes continued and they were reduced to 12 players. Despite their gutsy defiance, Phoenix sealed matters in the final minute, outside half Leanne Burnell breaking some 70 metres out to race away and score at the posts, chased all the way by the visitors' last line of defence. Burnell gathered herself to add the conversion for a hard earned win of 17–7.

For Phoenix, full back Linzi Morgan was chosen as best back with second row Rhiannon Thomas chosen as best forward. There were a couple of 'firsts' surrounding this match with twins Linzi and Nicole Morgan the first set of twins to represent Phoenix at senior ladies level, and this was the first Phoenix win over Whitland at this level.

Phoenix also entertained Whitland at both under-15 and under-18 level, the under-18s going down narrowly by 30–29 while, despite a good all-round team performance from the newly-formed under-15s (who would welcome any new players to boost their squad number), they went down 29-43.

For the under-15s, speedster Emily Lockyer led the try scorers with a try hat-trick, with skipper Hannah Marshall and Megan Lewis also getting tries, No 8 Lewis prominent in this team effort.

Match report TR

Elizabeth is the county's top gun!

ON October 13, Elizabeth Walton-James represented Glamorgan in a clay pigeon shooting competition in mid Wales.

There were 111 competitors and as Elizabeth only started shooting a discipline called 'DTL' or 'Down The Line' in April this year, she did not expect to win anything and was happy to go for the experience.

The event consisted of squads from each county across Wales shooting 25 clay targets from four different shooting stands, with a total of 100 shots throughout the day.

Elizabeth shot 95/100; her best score to date, and she won the Ladies Glamorgan High Gun.

She shared the ladies' team trophy for Glamorgan and won the overall Ladies' Championship.

Vale of Glamorgan Pool League

THE Whitchill Wildcats still lead the table after an 8-4 win away at Coconuts.

It was a game won by the team taking their chances, with Ceri Morris starring with four from four. Billy Whizz are now in second place, five points behind, after defeating the King William 10-2, with a four from four for Chris Bardsley and a three from three from John Farrugia.

They also beat Finnegans 8-4 away, in a rearranged game, with John Farrugia recording a four from four. Third place in the table now belongs to the Baruc-Cue-Das who had a 9-3 away victory against the Castle Dark Lords, with a four from four for Ian Roberts, and three from three for Martin Pring and Lawrence Klee.

Unable to win at home, the Vale Wanderers maintained their 100% away record with a 7-5 victory against the Rhoose Social Pocket Dynamos.

Highest winners of the week were the Libs Rejects, who won 11-1 away at the Glenbrook Titans, with four from four for both James Bastow and Mike Williams.

In the remaining game, Finnegans recorded their first win of the season with a 7-5 home victory against Rhoose Pot Jacks. Harry Asprou had four from four.

JB

ON AND OFF THE TURF WITH BRIAN LEE

Vale trainer Evan's two winners on successive days

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams chalked-up another winner when his eight-year-old *Sutter's Mill*, partnered by Mitchell Bastyan, won the three miles and two furlongs handicap chase at Fontwell Parkon October 23.

An 8-1 chance in a field of just five runners, *Sutter's Mill* won by three parts of a length from the favourite *Love The Leader* ridden by Luca Morgan.

The following day, there was another winner for Evan. Over the years, Ludlow Racecourse has been a happy hunting ground for him and he saddled the winner of the opening Racing To School Novices' Hurdle with his four-year-old *Ballinsker*, a 4-1 chance which, under stable jockey Adam Wedge, won by six lengths from the Oliver Greenhall-trained *Evander*.

However, Ballinsker wasn't the only Welsh-trained horse to win that day at Ludlow as *Legends Gold*, trained by Pembrokeshire's Rebecca Curtis, made it three wins in a row when winning the TBA Mares Novices Hurdle and Chepstow's Grace Harris took the Handicap Hurdle with *Karakoram,* which was partnered by Carmarthen's Ben Jones.

WHEN EVAN'S TRAINING TIPS PAID OFF

In my book, *Racing Rogues - The Scams, Scandals and Gambles of Horse Racing in Wales* (published by St David's Press) and under the heading, 'Evan's Training Tips Paid Off' I told the following story:

Small-time one horse permit holders like Llancarfan's Jane Mathais are the backbone of National Hunt racing and it is always pleasing when they saddle a winner or two. Even more so when they manage to back their horse and retrieve some of their training costs.

This was the case when in August 2008 Jane, a former point-to-point rider and a qualified accountant who worked in Cardiff, took a day off to see her 11-year-old *Lesdream* run in a claiming hurdle race at Stratford.

Lesdream, which had finished third in its previous race after a 12-month lay off, had been bought out of National Hunt trainer Jimmy Frost's yard. But now trained by an unknown permit holder, who had never saddled a winner under Rules, the bookmakers gave it little chance and odds of 20-1 were at first freely available.

Jane and friends who had accompanied her 'went to town' backing the horse until the odds tumbled to 8-1. The going was on the heavy side but *Lesdream* was something of a mud lover and the little horse romped home a seven lengths winner. What the bookmakers didn't realise was that Jane was a neighbour of leading Welsh trainer Evan Williams who had been giving her some advice. "*Lesdream* was such a straightforward and happy horse. He owes us nothing and now lives out his days in happy retirement,'' said Jane.

There are more racing stories from the Vale in my book, available from Ashley Drake Publishing Ltd, PO Box 733, Cardiff, CF14 7ZY or see www.st-davids-press.wales.

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Barry and district Ladies' Skittles League

THE latest results from the Barry and District Ladies Skittles League for October 21 are as follows:

Division 1: Cigar Ladies 269 (J Francis 30), Space Finders 261 (D Carter 28); Bakers Dozen 282 (M Lewis 32), Family and Friends 272 (S Willimore 27); Allsorts 257 (R Dawe 26), Sea View Gals 273 (S Phillips and V Pycroft 28); Special Angels 233 (L Mountford 28), Coppers 247 (J Ward 27); La Bells 288 (A Chick 37), Cadoxton Con Fillies 328 (C Harris 33).

Division 2: Breakaways 252 (J Swayne 26), Clickies 228 (K Marcus 28); Colcot Ladies 243 (H Edwards 29), Etcetera 224 (J Baker 26); Rugby Triers 216 (J Gough 22), Family Affair 263 (J Davies 26); Red Admiral 214 (G Williams 25), Bobby's Girls 208 (A Seldon 24).

Division 3: Hillbillies 310 (G Moorcroft 34), Airways Angels 295 (E Jones 34); Livin-on-a-Spare 337 (A Finn), Off-the-Rails 301 (J Simms 31); Little Devils 216 (S Harrhy 24), Vixens 271 (M Marks 30); Sea View Ladies 235 (N Batt 25), Witchill Widows 226 (S Johnson 25); Bandits 241 (J Douglas 27), Liberals 219 (A Boyd and A Halloway 25); Dolly Mixtures 194 (L Marsh and T Roswell 23), Boozy Birds 207 (S Rudeforth, H Marshall and K Pritchard 22).

Division 4: Merry Makers 188 (G Hawker 25), Twilights 157 (S Davies 26); Witches 242 (L Carey 27), Bimbos 232 (J Allen 26); Westend Rollers 215 (L Dyer 26), Drifters 235 (E Simmons 28); Rebels 221 (L Saunders 23), Optimists 195 (J Holland 24).

The next secretaries' meeting will take place on November 4 at 8pm in Cadoxton Conservative Club.

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Villagers put on best show so far

THE 'Villagers' of Dinas Powys RFC registered their first league win of the season, scoring four well-worked tries and for a bonus point win over Mountain Ash.

This was a deserved victory gained by a much improved defensive display that would have pleased coaches Andrew Roberts and Adam Williams. The Villagers remain a potent attacking force and the more resolute defensive display will hopefully be first of many. Instrumental in this were flankers Finn Davies and the abrasive Corey Imperatto.

Dinas opened the scoring after 20 minutes when fine interplay between Imperatto and Davies saw the latter cross for a try that was converted by outside half Callum Bricknell. The first half produced no further scoring and the visitors would have been happy to only trail by seven points at the interval.

The Villagers scored their second try within a minute of the restart. Finn Davies turned the ball over at the breakdown following a strong tackle by Imperatto, scrum half Sam Middlemiss put in an astute chip over the defence and left wing Jim Wiltshire showed his blistering pace to gather the ball and score under the posts. The conversion by Bricknell made it 14–0.

Almost immediately the home side scored their third try following thrilling interplay amongst the threequarters , a great pick up by Bricknell following a hack downfield by Mountain Ash allowed the outside half to float a pass to Wiltshire, who raced fully 40 metres before offloading to centre Rhys Evans, who crossed for a try that was converted by Bricknell.

The resolute Mountain Ash defence meant that it took a further 20 minutes before the home side secured their bonus point try. A fine cross kick by Bricknell saw the ball gathered by Finn Davies, who passed to Imperatto who drew the final defender before passing to Davies, who crossed in the right corner for his second try.

Ten minutes later, the visitors concluded the scoring as their bulky centre Alex Hughes crossed for a try that was converted by outside half Liam Jones.This was a much improved display by the home side. The influence of experienced prop James Greenfield deserves mention as he and hooker Josh Dunleavy provided the steel that secured the possession for thethree-quarters to show their talent.

The league fixtures continue with a visit to St Peters on November 9 , which will undoubtably provide a stiff test for this resurgent Dinas Powys side.

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The Gods of sport deny Alun Wyn Jones his 'Hollywood ending'. Match report by Philip Irwin

IF there is one lesson that sport hands out on a regular basis, it is: "Don't get ahead of yourself".

I started preparing my opening paragraphs with 15 minutes still on the clock, because what had just happened was so significant.

In Wales, we take Alun Wyn Jones' onfield ability and leadership qualities for granted, but at that moment he had clearly produced a psychological masterstroke that would be talked about for decades and more.

There are times in sport when we all recognise these crucial moments. In boxing, for instance, it often comes when the challenger lands his best punch and the champion looks him in the eye, saying "Is that all you've got?"

At that point we know the winner.

Or consider a European Ryder Cup win. At some point one of the star US players (quite often Phil Mickelson) will dump a tee shot at a par three into a lake - and we all know who is going to take the trophy home.

There was such a moment in this game.

We all knew what South Africa were going to bring to this game. A huge physical presence and forwards who will charge again and again at the opposition.

Then, at around the 50-minute mark, coach Rassie Erasmus brings on a whole new front five - just as big - and the fresh-legged juggernauts pile on the pressure.

Japan had wonderful spirit. Indomitable seemed the word, but the Springboks broke them.

So consider what happened between the 60th and 65th minute. Wales were trailing 16-9, and had lost two players, Tomos Francis and George North, to injury just before half time.

Rhys Patchell had replaced Dan Biggar and his first act was to take a penalty on the halfway line and find touch just seven metres out.

Wales won the line out and set up a line out drive, which was held, but then Alun Wyn Jones called for one forward drive after another. It wasn't pretty, and not much ground was gained but the message to the Boks was clear: "We've taken your best shots and we're still here".

The phases mounted up and, just after the 20th, Wales were awarded a penalty. Patchell chipped into the corner but South Africa cleared and it was time to come back and take the penalty under the posts. After all, the Springboks had been having just the better of the scrums.

But no! Alun Wyn called for a scrum and Tomos Williams passed to Jonathan Davies and Josh Adams was in at the corner! For Leigh Halfpenny, it was his first place kick (Biggar had kicked 3 out of 3) and he split the posts to bring the scores level.

The Hollywood script called for the Springboks to weaken in the face of this Welsh defiance, and for Alun Wyn to become even more of a hero than he already is.

It didn't happen. Sometimes the sporting gods don't see the romantic side.

Up until that point the game had been, in Warren Gatland's words, "a bit of an arm wrestle" and the Springboks rolled up their sleeves and went back to work.

High kicks were exchanged, some good, some poor. Some were caught, some weren't and neither side wanted to take a big risk. A penalty took Wales into the 22, and they had their eye on a drop goal, but Patchell was forced to stand a long way back and his effort went astray.

A penalty to South Africa took the play to the Welsh 22, where their pack won the line out and set up a drive - winning a penalty 30 metres out.

The match had been pretty untidy, but not from the kicking tee. Wales had kicked 4 out of 4 (Biggar 3, Halfpenny one) and Handre Pollard had kicked 4 out of 4 too.

The outside half never looked like missing, and that was that. South Africa had most of the territory for the remainder of the match, and on only one occasion did Wales get into the Springbok 22. Sadly, the ball was knocked on, and at the resultant scrum, Wales were penalised.

Pollard kicked that penalty into the Welsh 22, where South Africa were awarded another penalty.

Pollard took no chances. As the clock entered the red zone, he passed up the chance of another three points and tapped the ball over the sidelines.

A brave Welsh effort had been thwarted but there was little to complain about.

The first 65 minutes? Well in truth it was a match that only England's coaches will want to watch, as they prepare for the final.

The previous day, after 25 minutes of non-stop action between England and the All Blacks, the only word suitable was "immense". For Wales v South Africa, the word was "messy".

That's not to decry the effort, for both sides' application was intense. Perhaps it was inevitable. Both sides were successful in slowing up the ball, and the two scrum halves, Gareth Davies and Faf de Klerk, had little option but to kick, considering how quickly the defences were up.

The inclusion of Jonathan Davies at outside centre gave Wales some cutting edge. It was hard to see how fit he was, but his timing of a pass gave Wales hope of a score.

For South Africa, most their threats came from the live-wire de Klerk. It's hard to know what instructions Erasmus gives him, other than "Do whatever comes into your head".

Early on he made a sharp break and kicked ahead, catching everyone by surprise, and he showed enough pace to ankle tap George North before he could clear the ball.

As the half progressed, Biggar and Pollard exchanged penalties, and it wasn't until the 27th minute that the Springboks launched a handling attack. This was a good one, though, as forwards and backs inter-passed and it took a crunching tackle by Josh Adams on de Klerk to stop the scrum half scampering over.

It got worse for Wales when a restart was caught by No 8 Vermeulen near his own line. He had time to get to full speed before the Welsh chase arrived, and Tomos Francis drew the short straw.

In the commentary box, summarisers Shane Williams and David Flatman pronounced his tournament over within 30 seconds, guessing at a dislocated shoulder.

Even worse, two minutes later, Wales were awarded a penalty and Biggar decided to use the penalty advantage to kick high to the corner for George North. His hamstring seemed to go as he chased the ball and, although he tried to run it off, it took only 60 seconds before he realised that the damage was too severe.

Biggar kicked that penalty and Wales trailed 9-6 at the break, although there was still time for the electric de Klerk to scare Wales again, very nearly charging down Gareth Davies' sideways tap in to touch to end the half.

There was more of the same in the second half. If anything the pressure was more intense and the game more untidy. Hadleigh Parkes had two kicks charged down within 30 seconds, and there were turnovers and fumbles aplenty.

Biggar made it 9-9 but, soon after the Spingboks sent on their massed reinforcements, they scored their try. It was a threatening attack, but Wales seemed to have it covered until the huge centre, Damien de Allende, shrugged off Dan Biggar, and ploughed 15 metres to the line with would-be tacklers unable to stop him.

Pollard's conversion made it 16-9, and soon after we had the passage of play, ending with Adams' try that - from the Welsh point of view - should have yielded that Hollywood ending.

It was a magnificent effort by Wales. One gets the feeling that a number of players were carrying injuries and more details may emerge in the coming days. There's no need for excuses. Wales have shown they belong at the top table and we can all look forward to the post-Gatland era.

Tondu Titans notch up an excellent away victory at Pembroke

ABOVE:
The Tondu Titans celebrate their win at Pembroke.

TONDU Titans kept up their winning start to the season with another impressive performance away to Pembroke, winning by 22–17.

It only took the visitors six minutes to open the scoring when Laura Warren raced over for a splendid try, Carys Thomas adding the conversion.

Minutes later the Titans were at it again when Sonia Thornton finished off another fine move.

Pembroke ladies never gave up and fought hard to stay in touch, but the Titans showed how much they have improved in only their second season, making the game safe with further tries from Natasha Lockyer and a second for Laura Warren.

Tondu Second XV also had a successful weekend with a fine 15-12 win over Bridgend Athletic at Pandy Park.

Tondu Youth had a 24-14 victory over Nantymoel.

Report by Mike Sully

Tondu Seconds take their chances to beat Generals

DESPITE heavy rain leading to most games in the borough being postponed, the Pandy Park pitch was in very good condition for this WRU Central Conference local derby between Tondu and Bridgend Athletic Second XVs.

Taking scoring opportunities wins matches. In this respect Tondu were far more ruthless, taking their two try-scoring opportunities from virtually two chances, while the Athletic Generals two tries needed countless chances to execute, resulting in the home side winning by 15 –12.

The Athletic started on the front foot but were unable to finish off moves close to the home line. When Tondu attacked on the Athletic 22 the ball squirted out of a ruck and No 8 Dewi Price picked up and raced over – reminiscent of Aaron Wainwright's try against France with no defenders at home behind the ruck. Outside half Thomas Vanclever converted.

Athletic centre Tom Davies made a good run into the Tondu 22, setting up a period of relentless pressure on the Tondu line. Aled Pilliner, Lewis Dando, Matthew Greenman and Aaron Mordecai were held just short. Tondu conceded at least five penalties during this period of pressure, which the Athletic declined to kick searching for a try. Poor execution aligned to excellent Tondu defence saw the Athletic remain pointless in the first half.

Within five minutes of the restart, Tondu again showed the Athletic how to finish. A move down the left touchline saw hooker Owen Bayliss win a chase to touch down a kick ahead in the corner. Tondu then enjoyed more possession and territory and advanced to a 15-0 lead through a Vanclever penalty.

Athletic centre Davies then made a good run into the Tondu 22 forcing a penalty. A quick tap saw prop Matthew Greenman held on the Tondu try line, but quick recycling saw Harry Harries cross for his debut senior Athletic try.

Another break from inside his own half saw Davies pass inside to replacement full back Robin Davies to race over from halfway. He converted his own try to reduce the deficit to 15-12, but it came too late as the referee signalled time following the conversion.

The Athletic will rue not being more clinical in finishing, having to settle for a losing bonus point. Props Lewis Dando and Matthew Greenman were the pick of the pack, though their scrummaging potential was nullified as Tondu's lack of props saw passive scrums throughout the game. Centre Tom Davies and wing Ryan Pickford, showing clever footwork, were the pick of the Athletic backs.

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News from Porthcawl Bridge Club

CONGRATULATIONS to Glyn and Vida on winning the Club Mixed Pairs Championship, in a well attended event.

The event was accompanied by a cheese and wine party – thanks to the lady committee members for providing the food and drink.

Other club results are as follows:

October 12: First Terry Dolan and Pat Haworth; second Tony Haworth and John Beard.

October 17 Club Mixed Pairs Championship: First Glyn Williams and Vida Halford; second Sue Anthony and Rory Gibbons.

October 19 First Dil and Marian Evans; second Emer Disley and Bill Turner.

October 24 First Norma and David Newman; second John Beard and Rob Charlesworth.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre: Thursdays 6.45pm – 9.45pm; Saturdays 3.15pm - 6.15pm; visitors welcome at any time.

Call our secretary Trish on 01656 785794 for more information.

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Bridgend Bridge club latest news

THE first round of the teams competition at Bridgend Bridge Club were played on October 23:

First, Tony Disley, Kevin Maddox, Tony Ratcliff and Juilan Pottage; second, Mike Best, John Beard, Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan; third, Alan Heath, Rob Forman, Irene Wickham and Glyn Williams.

On October 24: First, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; second, Marjorie Halley and Sheila Gass; third, Stuart Davies and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Marjorie Halley and Sheila Gass.

On October 25: First, Keith Davison and Steve Burgoyne; second, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones; third, Dave and Debbie Lea. The winners on handicap were Keith Davison and Steve Burgoyne.

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